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Flight 93 memorial: A memorial honoring the 40 people who died when hijacked Flight 93 crashed in a Pennsyl-vania field during the Sept. 11, 2001, ter-rorist attacks will cost \$30 million, according to a study

The \$30 million primarily will be used to build the memorial, but the money also will go toward roads, parking lots and a visitor's

center. A capital campaign will be organized to raise donations, said Joanne M. Hanley, superintendent of the proposed memorial

Brain-dead inmate: An inmate who was left brain-dead after being shot with a rubber bullet by a prison guard died from injuries from the projectile, according to an au-

topsy report released Wednesday Daniel D. Provencio, 28, was shot in the head with the supposedly non-lethal projectile Jan. 16 during an altercation at Wasco State Prison. He was taken to Bakersfield's Mercy Hospital, where he remained in a coma and was hooked to a ventilator for weeks before he died Friday.

ste dumping: A bus driver for the Dave Matthews Band pleaded guilty Wednesday to charges stemming from the dumping of 800 pounds of human waste from his vehicle's septic tank onto a sightseeing boat on the Chicago River.

Stefan Wohl was sentenced to 18 months probation and 150 hours of community service, said Tom Stanton, a spokesman for the Cook County state's attorney's office. He also was fined the maximum of \$10,000, which will be paid to Friends of the Chicago River, a conservation group Wohl, 42, of Selma, Texas, was charged with reckless conduct and discharging contaminates to cause water pollution

World

Pakistan acknowledges nuke scientist: After years of denials, Pakistan admitted on Thursday that its top nuclear scientist sold centrifuges to Iran, though it stuck by its claim it knew nothing of his activities, and insisted he will not be turned over to anoth-

er country for prosecution.

The admission by the nation's information minister was the first time since the world's atomic energy watchdog launched an investigation into Abdul Qadeer Khan's nuclear network that an Iranian or Pakistani official has acknowledged publically that he sold Tehran centrifuges, a crucial



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Working toward promotion: Petty officers third class take the Navy-wide advancement examination for petty officer second class at the Harbor View Club at U.S. Fleet Activities Sasebo on Wednesday. The exam, given twice a year, allows sailors to compete for promotion to the next pay grade.

component needed to enrich the uranium that can be used in nuclear warheads.

Pakistan is a key ally in the war on terror. American officials acknowledge privately, however, that Washington is frustrated by Islamabad's refusal to allow Khan to be directly questioned by American agents.

Hong Kong leader: Hong Kong's beleaguered leader said Thursday he's quitting because of failing health - not pressure from his bosses in Beijing - as the global financial capital moved into a new political era that could bring power struggles, more demands for full democracy and meddling by China

Tung Chee-hwa's resignation ended a political guessing game that dragged on for nearly two weeks in the former British colony that returned to Chinese rule eight years

Pope's health: Pope John Paul II will ex-tend his hospital stay "a few more days" but still plans to return to the Vatican in time for the start of Holy Week that begins on Palm Sunday on March 20, the pontiff's spokesman said Thursday.

No date had been given for the frail pope's return, but the announcement appeared to suggest there may have been a plan to release him earlier that was dropped to give him more time to regain his strength.

At the hospital he is receiving only his closest aides, while back at the Vatican he might be tempted to resume regular audiences with visiting bishops and foreign offi-

Nepal civil liberties: Nepal's King Gyanendra could soon restore some of the civil liberties he suspended after seizing power last month, the foreign minister said Thursday, a day after the government released several political detainees and promised to restore mobile phone services.

"Let me assure you that the temporary suspension of the rights of our citizens will be revoked sooner [rather] than later," For-eign Minister Ramesh Nath Pandey told some foreign diplomats in the capital, Katmandu.

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UDP Marines pull out the Big Guns at Fuji

Okinawa-based regiment gets live-fire field artillery training

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Strines

CAMP FUJI, Japan — Under the snowy outline of Mount Fuji, the big guns go off with a boom, sending 155 mm rounds miles into the horizon.

Members of India Battery of the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, temporarily based on Okinawa and deployed to Camp Fuji, spent several days this week in the field doing what they do best: firing the M198 medium towed Howitzer, the Big Gun.

The visit to Fuji was unexpected, a change of plans necessitated by the scheduling chaos caused when 3rd Marine Division troops went to South Asia for tsunami relief missions.

Instead of visiting a live-fire training area in northeast Japan. the battery came to Camp Fuji. where they can practice under one of Japan's most legendary symbols.

"I think most of the Marines are pretty enthusiastic about being in a place they've seen pic-tures of," said Capt. Jason Patrick Brown, India Battery command-

The battery is part of the Unit Deployment Program that rotates stateside Marine units to Okinawa and the Pacific for six-month intervals. Units usually return home for 18 months after a deployment but due to the war on terror, units' schedules have been out of whack

The battery returned home from its last deployment for just six months and came back to Okinawa two months ago. Many of

the battery Marines were in Camp Fuji less than a year ago. By being overseas, the Marines can see some of the world as well

as focus their training.

"You actually get more training done because there's less distractions," said Cpl. Robert A. Greco, assistant motor transportation chief. "Training is much more fast-paced.3

At the battery's home in Camp Lejeune, N.C., they share ranges with other units, and those heading for Iraq have priority, said Cpl. Adam T. Gallo, assistant chief on Gun One, one of five in the battery

Camp Fuji's range, one of the few places that allow live fire in Japan, is practically all theirs. The battery used the smallest charge possible, so the projectiles landed a mere few miles away. They can go as far as 18 miles with a larger charge, Gallo said.

For the training, the Marines live in the field, despite the chilling winter temperatures. They practice setting up by maneuvering the 16,000-pound guns into place and digging them into the mud and snow.

During live fire, the small group assigned to each gun



Above: Pfc. Tony Defeo grabs a 155 mm shell for a Howitzer during live-fire training at Camp Fuji, Japan, on Wednesday. He was with the India Battery of the 3rd Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, temporarily based on Okinawa that deployed to Camp Fuji for training. Below left: Pvt. James Killen attaches fuses to 155 mm Howitzer shells. Below right: Marines, who endured a cold, muddy week at Camp Fuji, load a Howitzer.



moves with orchestrated precision, loading the rounds, adding bags of explosives and attaching the primer.

Each fire initiates a tremendous boom, one after another down the row of guns. No one flinches at the sound anymore.

When they're done, the Marines will pack up, move, reposition and dig the gun in with shovels and sledgehammers.

The artillery Marines practice their jobs, while transportation guys practice tasks such as digging trucks out of the mud, which



after the snows melted, they had a hot or even cold shower is still a plenty of chances to do. few days off.

"I like terrain like this," said The hardest part of the train-Greco. "It lets you know your limaccording to Cpl. Matt Childers, Section Chief for Gun

The training also tests the Ma-One: "Staying clean and dry." rines in other ways. After sleep-E-mail Juliana Gittler at ing outside in 30-degree weather, gittlerj@pstripes.osd.mi



Courtesy of the U.S. Naw

The amphibious assault ship USS Essex sails in the Persian Gulf last year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Navy has 23 such ships: the Marine Corps would like to see 28-30.

Navy is cutting amphib ships short, Marine general warns

Magnus: Present number not enough to be effective force

BY LEO SHANE III

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Marines' top resources official expressed serious concerns Thursday about the number of Navy ships and the ability of the fleet to rapidly deploy his troops to major combat operations overseas

Marine Corps Deputy Commandant Lt. Gen. Robert Magnus said his forces need 28 to 30 amphibious assault vehicles ready for major combat operations. Currently, the Navy

has 23 in its fleet.

He said the Navy's plan to build only four new ships next year—only one of which is an amphibious assault vehicle—leaves him worried about both services' futures.

"Quality is important, and we get the quality that we want," he told members of the House Armed Services Committee. "But the quantity itself is a problem. It's a problem with having peacetime for ward presence. It's a problem for being able to rapidly surge the right number of ships ... It's a problem for major combat operations." Navy officials said their plans take into consideration both force capabilities and financial responsibility.

ities and financiai response; we'd buy more ships," said John Young Jr., assistant secretary of the Navy. "But we believe

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money, we'd buy

more ships. But we

believe we've

struck the right

balance.

Assistant secretary of the Navy

John Young Jr.

right balance."

The fleet today consists of about 290 surface ships and submarines. In testimony before Congress last month, Chief of Naval Operations

we've struck the

Adm. Vern Clark said that

number could rise as high as 325 or drop as low as 243 in coming years, depending on budget constraints and technological breakthroughs.

Several representatives voiced concerns over the fleet size and limited shipbuilding schedule for fiscal 2006, for which \$8.7 billion is allotted in the proposed defense budget.

Over the next five years construction of 49 new ships is planned. Rep. Jo Ann Davis, R-Va., also ob-

Rep. Jo Ann Davis, R-Va., also objected to Navy plans to decommission one of its aircraft carriers — reducing the fleet from 12 to 11 — say-

ing she worries the fleet could drop even further temporarily if older carriers are retired and their replacements are delayed by budgetary problems.

Magnus said he understands the need to modernize the fleet, and he said the improved efficiency of the re-

placement ships will allow the Navy to keep a somewhat smaller force with the same canabilities

"Slipping or cutting the replacements is what concerns me," he said. "The trend over time goes down When you need that capability in the future, it does concern me."

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35th Fighter Wing humbled by 'satisfactory' inspection

By JENNIFER H. SVAN Stars and Stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Brig. Gen. Bill Rew said he wasn't going to use the "d-word."

Humbled, maybe, but not disappointed.

The 35th Fighter Wing this week received an overall grade of "satisfactory" in the Pacific Air Forces Inspector General's Unit Compliance Inspection. Satisfactory indicates the wing meets mission requirements but is a middle-of-the-road grade in a five-tier scale ranging from "outstanding" to "unsatisfactory."

"It means the wing met the standards we set ... but there are minor deficiencies — which most wings have — that weren't significant enough to detract from the mission," said PACAF Inspector General Col. Jerry Siegel.

More than 100 PACAF inspectors and augmentees pored over paperwork, policies and procedures Feb. 28 to March 4, evaluating wing compliance with Department of Defense, U.S. Air Force and PACAF regulations, instructions and other requirements.

The wine was briefed on the

The wing was briefed on the 60-page inspection report Tuesday. "The grade was humbling," Rew told his troops after the briefing, considering Misawa has had much recognition in the IG stresses need for UCI in post-9/11 world

Before this month's UCI, the 35th Fighter Wing last underwent a Unit Compliance Inspection four years ago — before Sept. 11, 2001. Brigg Gen. Bill Rew. 35th Fighter Wing and Misswa base commander, moved to another assignment just before the inspection but was 35th Operations Group commander while the wing prepared for the intense scrutiny.

"We got an 'excellent,' " he said of the wing's overall grade then.

But it was a different way of life: The only significant deployments at the time were to Operation Southern Watch, involving just a small number of airplanes, Rew said. Now, "a lot of our shops are manned at 50, 60 percent. A lot of our more experienced people are gone."

In PACAF, Misawa was one of the last bases to receive a UCI in the post-9/11 cycle, said Col. Jerry Siegel, Pacific Air Forces inspector general.

"While sometimes folks may be disappointed if they didn't get 'excellent' or 'outstanding,' we fully recognize how busy everybod is, the ops tempo people are under," he said. With many key people deployed, preparing to deploy or just returning from a deployment during a U.C. "the amount of resources the wing has to do all the Air Force ... requires of them is clearly a bigger stress than it was" several years ago.

PACAF wings receive a UCI about every two Aerospace Expeditionary Force cycles — which equates to about every 40 months. South Korean units are inspected more frequently because personnel there are on one-year remote tours, Siegel

While some might contend wings are too busy for a UCI, "I would argue that it's even more important than ever in the post-9/11 world," Siegel said. Having independent evaluators assess areas including whether people are properly trained and certified to do their jobs and equipment is maintained is even more important, Siegel said. It "can get commanders in trouble or people hurt because a wing's so distracted by all that's going on in the world."

Siegel said the PACAF IG team was impressed by Misawa's preparation and attitude for and during the UCI. Airmen on up to group commanders were "not only cooperative but very open to our inspectors coming in there. Across the board, we were very impressed with their dedication, morale, and work ethic."

- Jennifer H. Svan

Group and Wing Staff all re ceived a "satisfactory."

Rew highlighted three units that did exceptionally well: The 35th Comptroller's Squadron, wing historian and public affairs were rated "outstanding." The general noted that 13 units also scored "excellent," eight received a "satisfactory" rating and two units —ground safety and the 35th logistics Readiness Squadron — were graded "marnance or operation does not meet some mission requirements," Rew said.

Ground safety did have some successes, notably its traffic safety, 'don't drink and drive' campaign, Rew said. But its confined-space program and industrial inspections need work, he

In the logistics readiness squadron, fuels, vehicle operations, vehicle maintenance and aircraft parts were graded highly, Rew said, while material and traffic management had deficien-

PACAF inspectors will return to re-evaluate units rated marginal in the next few months.

past few years, from flying combat sorties over Baghdad to competing two years in a row for best Air Force base.

"But I was also humbled," he said, "that we did so well in a lot of areas where a lot of people have been deployed for a long time, including a lot of our people in leadership positions" leaving many young airmen and noncommissioned officers "filling in the gap."

But Rew stressed deployments and Misawa's high operations tempo don't excuse the wing's performance in some areas. "The UCI is an open-book test. We know when the IG is going to come. We know what

they're going to look at. We know that they're going to look at everything, top to bottom," he said.

All units were found in compliance with requirements. The 35th Operations Group was the top performer at the group level, earning an overall grade of "excellent." The 35th Maintenance Group, 35th Mission Support

Investigator faults troops for detainee abuses

BY JON R. ANDERSON Stare and Strings

WASHINGTON - A top investigator ordered by Defense Secre-tary Donald Rumsfeld to look into abuses at Abu Ghraib and other military detention facilities laid blame at the feet of individual troops and their commanders but not top-level officials and poli-

Reporting to the Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday,

Vice Adm. Albert Church report ed his key finding was "clearthat ly, there was policy written otherwise at that directed or condoned tor abuse After



more 800 interviews and reviewing thousands of pages of documents, Church said that while officials in Washington could learn from "missed opportunities" in providing better guidance to field commanders, no specific blame could he cast

"Nevertheless," he added, "we did identify problems." Among his findings:

■ Leadership breakdown: Citing a "breakdown of good order and discipline" among some units, Church wrote in the unclassified version of the report's exec-

Senior officers may yet face discipline

The fates of several senior officers still hang in e balance as officials wrap up investigations. While some have been cleared, others are expected to face disciplinary action even as civil lawsuits

are being filed. Among those waiting: Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez - Leader of U.S. and coalition forces in Iraq from April 2003 to July 2004. An internal Army investigation and independent panel found Sanchez failed to provide proper oversight at Abu Ghraib and issued confusing poli cies on interrogations.

Status: Under investigation. Remains command-er of V Corps. Recently named in an American Civil Liberties Union lawsuit under charges of war

Maj. Gen. Walter Wojdakowski — Sanchez's deputy commander in Iraq and, until recently, at Corps. Responsible for overseeing support to detention facilities as well as direct oversight of the 205th MI Brigade and 800th MP Brigade at Abu Ghraib. Previous investigations determined he failed to provide proper leadership.

Status: Recently reassigned as special assistant to the commander of Army forces in Europe. Remains under investigation.

Mai. Gen. Barbara Fast -- Senior intelligence staff officer under Sanchez. Questions have been raised about her involvement in Abu Ghraib.

Status: Exonerated by Army investigators and is expected to take command of Army intelligence training in Arizona soon.

Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski -- Commander of 800th Military Police Brigade. Harshly criticized by investigators for weak and ineffectual leadership that created a climate at Abu Ghraib that led

to the abuses. One investigation also accused her of "material misrepresentations" during questioning. Status: Suspended from command duties. Recently issued a letter of reprimand by Army Chief of Staff Dick Cody. Named in ACLU lawsuit.

Col. Thomas Pappas - Commander of 205th Military Intelligence in Iraq. Accused of multiple leadership failures, including improperly authorizing the use of dogs in interrogations

Status: Remains commander of 205th MI Bri-gade, now redeployed home to Germany. Under inion. Named in ACLU lawsuit.

Lt. Col. Stephen L. Jordan — Director of Joint Interrogation Debriefing Center, Accused of multiple leadership failures, including properly training and supervising his troops and for being deceitful during abuse investigations. Failure to obey direct orders to not talk about the case with others. "He conducted an e-mail campaign soliciting support from others involved in the investigation." Status: Under investigation.

- Jon Anderson

utive summary, "This breakdown implies a failure of unit-level leaders."

■ Heat of combat: "The nature of the enemy, and the tactics it has employed in Iraq (and to a lesser extend in Afghanistan) may have played a role in this abuse," wrote Church, explaining that 23 out of 70 documented cases of abuse occurred at the "point of capture" when emotions

are running high

■ Ignored warning signs: Writing that he could not provide unclassified details, "there was a failure to react to early warning signs of abuse" by local commanders. Church testified that the Red Cross in particular had repeatedly raised red flags at Abu Ghraib. but that leadership reaction was "not as swift as it could have

Church, who until recently was the Navy Inspector General and now heads the Navy staff at the Pentagon, took fire from various corners of the committee, however, for not delving deeper into some areas of concern.

Michigan Sen. Carl Levin, the ranking Democrat on the committee, was quick to take Church to

"There has been no assessment

of accountability of any senior officials," Levin told Church. "The failure of accountability of senior leaders sends the wrong signal to our troops and the American peonle It harms the United States' standing as a nation of laws and undermines the high standards of our armed forces

"The bland label of 'missed onportunities' does not explain the absence of policies," added Levin. "These are failures of command at high level."

Church, who earlier said he was ordered to review the investigations completed so far and fill in the gaps not covered by those reports, responded he was not tasked with delving into the question of leadership accountability.

In a heated exchange with Ari-Republican Sen. John McCain. Church defended the Bush administration's decision to withhold Geneva Convention protections from captured Taliban soldiers in Afghanistan.

"You know the North Vietnamese made the same determination about American prisoners," said McCain, who, as a naval aviator spent five years at the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" after getting shot down during the Vietnam war. "It's a good debate," responded

Church.

'Well sir, I think it's a little more than a good debate," MCCain said. "I am very concerned about what will happen to Americans who are taken prisoner unless we have clear and specific guidelines that we adhere to.' E-mail Jon Anderson at:

Recent investigations into allegations of prisoner abuse

■ Taguba Report — An internal Army "15-6 Investigation" ordered by Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez on Jan. 31, 2001, and completed May 11, 2004. Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba accused soldiers in the 800th Military Police Brigade at Abu Ghraib of "sadistic, blatant and wanton criminal abuses." Responding to a senator's question about how such actions were possible, he responded:

"Failure in leadership, sir, from the bri-

gade commander on down. Lack of discipline, no training whatsoever and no supervision. Supervisory omission was ram-

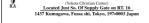
■ Mikolashek Investigation — Army Inspector General Lt. Gen. Paul Mikolashek was ordered to look into training and pris-on operations throughout U.S. Central Command in February 2004. He issued his report in July, finding 94 confirmed cases of abuse, but no evidence of leadership fail-

■ Jones-Fay Report — In another 15-6 (informal) investigation, Lt. Gen Anthony Jones and Maj. Gen. George Fay were or dered in April 2004 to look into alleged misconduct by members of the 205th MI Brigade and operations at Abu Ghraib. Their findings, released in August, accused the 205th's commander Col. Thomas Pappas and commander of the 800th MP Brigade of wrongdoing. Their investigation also

said Sanchez and his deputy Maj. Gen. Walter Wojdakowski failed to provide prop er oversight at Abu Ghraib and the units

■ Schlesinger Report — An independent panel led by former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger commissioned by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in May. Findings released in August largely corroborated the Jones-Fav report.

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PACAF chief master sgt. vows to hit ground running By JIM O'DONNELL according to an Air Force news re-

AND T.D. FLACK Stars and Stripes

TOKYO - Pacific Air Forces' new command chief master sergeant, Rodney J. McKinley, said he is going to hit the ground running when he reports to his new command in Hawaii on March 24.

McKinley, a bronze start recipient, is leaving behind the snow and slopes of Alaska, where he served as command chief master sergeant for the 11th Air Force at Elemendorf Air Force Base.

"I am putting my sweaters and coats in storage bags right now," McKinley said Wednesday morn-

McKinley replaces Chief Master Sgt. David Popp, who addressed Pacific Air Forces troops for the last time in late February,

lease. Popp has been selected to be the command chief for Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.

"We've had great leadership there before," McKinley said of his PACAF assignment. "It's not like I need to come in and fix something that's broken."

McKinley said he will bring a little bit of his personality and flavor to the command while picking up where Popp left off.

"It's about establishing great relationships with the senior leadership at each one of the bases and make sure we are all on the same path and we have good conversa-tions and good rapport," McKinlev said. "And make sure we are all on the same path to take care

of the troops." He said a priority is keeping PACAF "trained and equipped to go fight America's battles," taking care of the families left at

home During his last speech to air-men in Hawaii, Popp told them he had spent about half of his tour "on the road." according to the

news release.

"Many of PACAF's directors don't have the time or resources to go down as deep into the weeds, visiting with the individuairmen and understanding them to the extent that I have been able to do since I've been here" hesaid

He also challenged the airmen to stay focused, especially with what he labels "S4" — suicide, sexual assault, safety and stress, according to the report.

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Senator knocks delays in reimbursing GIs

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department hasn't developed a plan to reimburse soldiers for equipment they've bought to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan despite requirements in a law passed last year, a sen-

In a letter sent Wednesday to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn., asked for details on the Pentagon's progress setting up the reimbursement program and questioned why it was not in place yet.

"Very simply, this is either negligence on their part, because they were not happy with this when it passed, or it's incompetence," Dodd told The Associated Press. "It's pretty outrageous when you have all their rhetoric about how much we care about our people in uniform."

Pentagon spokeswoman Lt. Col. Ellen

Dodd wants to know why program to pay for war gear not yet in place

Krenke said Wednesday that Rumsfeld will respond to Dodd's letter after he has reviewed it. She had no comment on the progress of reimbursement regulations. The Defense Department provided no fur-

ther comment Thursday. Soldiers serving in Iraq and their families have reported buying everything from higher-quality protective gear to armor for their Humvees, medical supplies and even global positioning devices.

"There should be no higher priority for our government than ensuring that American troops are well-equipped, particularly those on the front lines of battle in Iraq and Afghanistan," Dodd wrote. "Given their immense sacrifices, as well as the critical contributions of their families and communities, I hereby request that you immediately inform me as to the status of the Department's action to comply with this statutory

requirement."

In response to complaints, Congress last year passed Dodd's amendment requiring the Pentagon to reimburse members of the armed services for the cost of any safety or health equipment that they bought or someone else bought on their behalf.

Under the law, the DOD had until Feb. 25 to develop regulations on the reimbursement, which is limited to \$1,100 per item. Dodd asked that Rumsfeld provide details on the department's progress. But he

tails on the department's progress. But he also said it was unclear what recourse he has, other than public embarrassment, to force the department to act.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., who repeatedly decried the lack of equipment during his unsuccessful presidential campaign, said the Pentagon needs to move quickly to give the troops their reimbursement and armored Humvees.

"They should be living up to the letter of the law," Kerry said.

The latest emergency spending proposal for the war totals \$81.9 billion, including \$74.9 billion for the Defense Department. It includes \$3.3 billion for extra armor for trucks and other protective gear — underscoring a sensitivity to earlier complaints by troops.

Stars and Stripes editor Pat Dickson contributed to this report from Washington.

People help carry away the dead after a suicide bomber blew himself up Thursday during a funeral in the courtyard of a Shiite mosque in Mosul, Iraq. The attack killed at least 47 people and injured dozens.



Suicide bomber kills at least 47 attending Shiite funeral in Mosul

BY SINDBAD AHMED The Associated Press

MOSUL, Iraq — A suicide bomber blew himself up at a Shiite mosque during a funeral Thursday, killing 47 people, an attack that came as Iraq's main Shiite party and a Kurdish bloc said they reached a deal that sets the stage for a new government to be formed.

U.S. troops cordoned off the northeastern Tameem neighborhood near the mosque, a poor area of the city crowded with many homes.

Civilian vehicles helped ambulance crews in ferrying casualties to hospitals.

"As we were inside the mosque, we saw a ball of fire and heard a huge explosion," said Tahir Abdullah Sultan, 45. "After that blood and pieces of flesh were scattered around the place," he added.

Rows of overturned white plastic chairs were stained in blood.

Body parts, believed to be of the bomber, were spread around the area, and the smell of gunpowder filled the yard. Windows of nearby cars were shattered. "After the cloud of smoke and dust dispersed, we saw the scattered bodies of the fallen and smelled gunpowder," said Adnan al-Bayati, another witness.

At least 47 people were killed and more than 90 wounded, said Dr. Saher Maher, speaking from a hospital in the city. He said U.S. troops took 10 "very critical" patients to a military medical facility at their base in the city.

Insurgents in the past have targeted Shiite mosques and funer-

The U.S. military unit that controls the area could not immediately be reached for comment.

Mosul has been a hotbed of insurgent activity and the scene of many bombings, drive-by shootings and assassinations against the country's security services, Iraq's Shiite majority and people thought to be working with U.S.-led forces.

The deal between the clergy-backed United Iraqi Alliance and a Kurdish coalition will allow a new government to be named when the National Assembly opens next week.

It calls for the government to begin discussion on the return of

about 100,000 Kurds to the oil-rich northern city of Kirkuk and talks about redrawing existing Kurdish regions to include the city in Iraq's new constitution.

It also gives the Kurds just one major Cabinet post — one fewer than they demanded — in return for making one of their leaders, Jalal Talabani, Iraq's first-ever Kurdish president. One ministry will go to the country's Sumin'arab minority, which largely stage away from the Jan. 30 elections.

The Kurds agreed to back conservative Islamic Dawa Party leader Ibrahim al-Jaafari for prime minister.

As part of the deal, any land agreement will be incorporated into the country's new constitution, which must be drafted by mid-August and approved by referendum two months later.

"As for Kirkuk, we agreed to solve the issue in two steps. In the first step, the new government is committed to normalizing the situation in Kirkuk, the other step regarding annexing Kirkuk to Kurdistan is to be left until the writing of the constitution," said Fuad Masoum, a member of the Kurdish coalition, who served as head of the Traq's former National Council.

Danger for contractors increasing

BAGHDAD — A garbage truck loaded with explosives blew up Wednesday next to a Baghdad hotel housing U.S. workers, killing four people and wounding 30 Americans and 10 others in a suicide bomb-

ing that highlighted the danger of doing business in Iraq.

The U.S. Embassy said four of the wounded American contractors suffered injuries requiring them to be flown to a hospital for treatment. No Americans were killed, it said.

The blast ripped a hole in the parking lot at least 30 feet across and more than 10 feet deep, shattering most windows in the Sadeer hotel and rattling buildings hundreds of yards away. Al-Qaida in Iraq claimed responsibility in an Internet posting.

The risk taken by contractors working in Iraq has never been so great. They are regularly targeted by roadside bombs, attacked by insurgents and live in constant fear of kidnap and decapitation.

In a Jan. 30 report to Congress, the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction said at least 232 employees of private contractors had been killed in Iraq while working on U.S. military and reconstruction contracts since the ouster of Saddam Hussein.





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Philippine town mourns poisoned children

By TERESA CEROJANO The Associated Press

MABINI, Philippines - Weeping rela tives watched as the coffins of some of the 27 schoolchildren who died after eating improperly prepared cassava root were lined up for burial at a Roman Catholic chapel in the central Philippines.

Overcome with grief, Lorenza Asas, mother of 7-year-old Sherwin Asas stomped her feet on the floor. "I can't ac-cept that my son is dead," she said, as her relatives tried to calm her.

The victims, most ages 7-13, bought the deep-fried caramelized cassava from vendors during snack time at the San Jose school in Mabini town on the central Philippine island of Bohol.

Another 103 people were hospitalized with severe stomach pains and diarrhea. Starchy cassava roots, while rich in protein, minerals and vitamins, are poisonous without proper preparation. The human digestive system can convert part of them into cyanide if they are eaten raw

At a foothill cemetery, parents, residents and officials watched 12 coffins placed into side-by-side concrete niches.

"Maybe everyone here is still in shock," Mayor Stephan Rances said with tears in his eyes as workers nailed

the coffins shut before sealing the niches with cement. Relatives wept nearby Anicita Luvong, 33, grieved over the coffin of her 7-year-old son, Wilfredo

Luyong Jr., in her house near the school. She said the boy, who had wanted to be a soldier, came home crying with severe abdominal pain. He was taken to a hospital but did not survive.

One of the two vendors was also ill and still hospitalized Thursday, while the other was in police custody to protect her from outraged parents, said the town mayor's aide. Philip Fuderanan.



Residents carry coffins of relatives during a mass hurial Thursday in San Jose, Philippines. Sobbing parents prepared for a mass burial Thursday of 27 elementary schoolchildren who died after eating a snack of cassava. a root that's poisonous if not prepared correctly.

Tokyo remembers 1945 firebombing



Eldery survivors and relatives of the victims burn incense and pray during a memorial ceremony Thursday marking the 60th anniversary of the 1945 U.S. air raid on Tokyo. The devastating World War II assault killed some 100,000 people and reduced Tokyo to ashes. The raid has long been dwarfed in history by the U.S. nuclear attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but the Tokyo attack killed more people immediately than either atomic explosion, and it is widely considered the most devastating air raid of history.

Spanish cope with bombing on anniversary

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain - One year ago on a Madrid commuter train, 10 backpack bombs allegedly planted by Muslim extremists blew up, killing 191 people and wounding more than 1.500.

On Thursday, Spain's Parliament observed five minutes of silence — broken only by the mournful strains of a cello playing Bach's Sarabande Suite - in memory of victims of the bombings as Spain prepared to mark the massacre's first anniver-

Lawmakers at the Congress of Denuties stood grim-faced by their seats in a prelude to a series of memorial acts scheduled for Friday

"That ominous day sowed pain and desolation in the city of Madrid," the legislature said in a statement read out before the tribute. "It was a direct

blow at our life in peace and freedom and broke the hearts of all our citizens. Friday's main memorial act also was to be silent

a short vigil at a park where 192 olive and cypress trees have been planted in honor of the people killed on the train and one special forces officer who died three weeks later while trying to arrest sus-

A year later, "11-M" has become Spanish shorthand for a national tragedy, much like 9/11 is in the United States

Fewer than half the injured have come to terms with their tragedy and moved on with their lives, said Marisa Perles, a psychologist who works close ly with the victims. The rest just relive their brush with death

"The first year the pain is extremely intense,"

China angered by U.S.-Japan stance on Taiwan dispute

BY AKIRA FUJINO The Yomiuri Shimbun

BEIJING - China has strongly objected to the joint security agreement recently announced by Japan and the United States, which has listed "a peaceful reso lution of issues on the

Taiwan Strait" as a common strategic goal for the first tim

Analysis It is also likely to further cool Beijing's relations with Japan in particular, which in embroiled in a territorial dispute with China over the Senkaku Islands called Daioyu in China.

Japanese and U.S. foreign and defense officials held the "two-plus-two" meeting and announced revisions Japan-U.S. security alliance on Feb. 19.

Immediately after the declaration, a spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry said in a state ment that "the Chinese government and its people are definitely opposed" to the security agreement between Japan and the United States. Chinese media also have attacked it, with the Commu nist Party's paper, People's Daily, describing it as an intrusion by Japan and the United States into China's internal affairs.

China has consistently taken

is an internal affair not an international one. China therefore contends that the declaration is not acceptable.

Chinese newspaper, China Youth, blatantly expressed its mistrust of Japan and the United

States. It said it is the United States' primary strategy to block China's peaceful development. The United States teams up with

Japan on the Taiwan issue because of its boiling fear of China's rapid economic growth and im-provement in military forces, the paper added.

China helieves that it has vet to resolve the Taiwan issue mainly because of the intervention and intrusion of foreign powers, such as the United States.

For China, Taiwan is the largest unresolved political controversy of the last century. Regardless of how Japan and the United States deal with the Taiwan issue. China will not change its basic position of getting rid of foreign influence and promoting unification.

But after Japan and the United States posed their security strate-gy seeking a "peaceful resolu-tion" right in the face of China, it has further increased its suspi-cion on how the Japan-U.S. alliance would attempt to get involved in this issue

Americans at Saudi site on high alert

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia - U.S. citizens living in a residential compound in western Saudi Arabia have been put on high alert after the American Embassy issued an increased threat level warning, officials said Thursday

The warning singled out the Sierra Village, on the outskirts of Jiddah, where tensions remain high following a Dec. 6 attack on the U.S. consulate by Islamic militants

A Sierra Village employee said the warning was issued Tuesday following an altercation a day earlier between security guards and youths in a car parked nearby

Protest on plane

BRUSSELS, Belgium spokesman for a group of unarmed Iranian protesters holed up on a Lufthansa jetlinat Brussels airport said Thursday they are on a hunger strike and are prepared to die for their cause to see the overthrow of the Iranian govern-

"We won't be moved from here unless we die and they take our bodies from the airplane," said the man who gave only his first name, Ira, in a telephone interview with The Associated Press from the nlane

He said the group of protesters numbered 79, including four children and 22 women, and wanted the United States, the European Union and Russia to sign a statement to stop cooperating with the Iranian government.

Police said there were only 59 passengers refusing to the leave the plane, out of the total 103 that took the flight from Frankfurt, Germany,

Official reappointed

BEIRUT, Lebanon - Leba non's president, emboldened by a massive pro-Syria demon-stration in Beirut, reinstated Omar Karami as prime minister on Thursday, 10 days after the Damascus-backed leader stepped down under popular and international pressure.

The move ensured Syria's continued dominance in Lebanese politics. Syria's allies felt they have the momentum in the political crisis and President Emile Lahoud's decision appeared to be in part political jockeying to show who sets the agenda as Syria's troop redeployment picked up.

Rebels challenge Abbas

RAMALLAH, West Bank -Palestinian gunmen burst into a meeting of the ruling Fatah Party on Thursday, forcing participants to disperse in a brazen challenge to Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas The incident cast doubt on

his authority as he comes under increasing pressure from Israel to disarm mili-

Despite the unrest, Abbas said Thursday that he's confident militants will agree to a formal cease-fire at a meeting

Terrorism treaty

MADRID, Spain - U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan proposed the creation of a comprehensive treaty outlawing terrorism Thursday, denouncing attacks that target civilians and arguing that no political grievance justifies killing the innocent.

Speaking at an international conference on terrorism, Annan said prevention is the best counterterrorism strategy, though he stressed that human rights and the rule of law must always be respected. From The Associated Press

Vietnam War anniversary honored

HANOI, Vietnam - Soldiers and elephants paraded in the Central Highlands town of Buon Ma Thuot on Thursday in the first of several commemorations marking the victory of communist forc-30 years ago in the Vietnam War

With the bust of revolutionary leader Ho Chi Minh behind him, Truong Quang Duoc, a Politburo member and vice chairman of the National Assembly, said the March 10, 1975, battle for the town was the start of the end for U.S.-backed South Vietnam

"This victory created a sudden change in the strategy that opened a direct opportunity for our army and people to advance forward for the complete liberation of the south and reunification of the country," he said

The quick capture of Buon Ma Thuot was the first major victory for North Vietnamese troops as they made their final push down country's coastline in the spring of 1975

The Communist Party's official

ple) newspaper, quoted Sr. Lt. Gen Hoang Minh Thao, former commander of the Central Highlands campaign, as saying the attack on Buon Ma Thuot surprised the U.S. military and its Saigon al-

"We selected Buon Ma Thuot, because the enemy did not pay much attention (to this town) and thought that we could not have the ability to move our troops there," he said.

It set the stage for a series of rapid advances that claimed Hue on March 26 and Danang on March 29, leading up to the fall of the South Vietnamese capital Saigon — now known as Ho Chi Minh City - just over seven weeks later on April 30.

That formally ended the Vietnam War - known here as "The American War" - and reunified the country. The bloody de-cade-long conflict claimed the lives of some 58,000 American troops and an estimated 3 million Vietnamese soldiers and civilians.



Ethnic minority participants ride elephants during a parade Thursday in Buon Ma Thuot, Vietnam, marking communist forces' victory in the town 30 years ago during the Vietnam War.

Kim Uen-a, a 23-year-old South Korean student, browses Chinese anguage books at a bookstore in Seoul on Tuesday. With China surpassing the United States as South Korea's largest trading partner and the ever-tightening domestic job market, young South Koreans are rushing to master Chinese.



More S. Koreans learn Chinese

By IN-YOUNG BANG The Associated Press

SEOUL .- Veo Ji.eun once felt that the English and Japanese classes she struggled through were enough to land a good job. Now, the 24-year-old electronics worker is in a crash course on the language of a country South Koreans once considered backward-

"I realized I've got to study Chinese these days. No matter which country you work in, no matter which company you work for, you have to think about doing business with China," said Yeo, who takes twice-a-week Chinese classes offered by a local government.

With China surpassing the United States as South Korea's largest trading partner and the ever-tightening domestic job market, young South Koreans are rushing to master Chinese as the new language of the future.

There is no definitive estimate of how many South Koreans are learning Chinese, and English remains the most widely learned foreign language. But billboards along the streets of the capital, Seoul, are increasingly crammed with signs advertising Chinese language

More than 35,000 South Korean students at-

tended Chinese colleges or graduate schools as of late 2003, making them the largest expatriate student community in China, according the latest data available from the Chinese Embassy in Seoul.

In comparison, about 74,000 South Korean students were studying in the United States in 2003. They were the second-largest group of foreign students after 81,000 Japanese, according to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

As South Korean companies push into the Chinese market, more students figure its language will help land a job.

The Seoul city education department hopes to increase the number of Chinese teachers by 29 to 92 in junior high and high schools, where the language was recently adopted as an elective.

Though learning Chinese could be a fad, many South Koreans anticipate interest in China and its language will be a long-term

"This phenomenon doesn't only apply to Koreans," said Chung You-ree, an instructor who has been teaching Chinese for four years in Seoul. "I think learning Chinese is required for everyone in the world. You've got to target China to survive in the business world."

Hong Kong Disneyland

HONG KONG - The Hong Kong Disneyland theme park set to open in September has already booked 10,000 rooms for its hotel since it opened a customer call center three weeks ago, officials said Wednesday.

"It really took us by surprise, the volume of calls coming in," said Bill Ernest, managing director of operations at Hong Kong Disneyland.

Ernest said Hong Kong residents have made most of the 10,000 reservations at the park's 1,000-room hotel, though the park expects that about 40 percent of the visitors will eventually come from mainland China.

The park, scheduled to open Sept. 12 as a joint venture between the Hong Kong govern-ment and The Walt Disney Co., is being built on reclaimed land at Penny's Bay on Hong Kong's outlying Lantau island.

Continental under investigation

PONTOISE, France - A French magistrate opened a formal investigation on Thursday of Continental Airlines for manslaughter for the suspected role played by one of its jets in the July 2000 crash of the supersonic Concorde. Continental shares fell nearly 4 per-

French investigating judge Christophe Regnard placed Continental under investigation - a step short of being formally charged for manslaughter and involuntary injury, judicial officials said Continental Airlines Inc., based in Houston.

has said it does not believe it had responsibility in causing the crash.

Strikes disrupt transportation

PARIS - Planes, trains and metros were canceled, and postal workers and teachers stayed home in a nationwide day of defiance Thursday against government economic policies - notably plans to let the French work longer hours.

The strikes coincided with a visit by Olympic inspectors assessing the French capital's bid to host the 2012 Summer Games.

Tens of thousands of protesters marched through Paris, answering the call of unions for a massive turnout to defend France's 35-hour workweek and to push for more jobs and salary talks.

From The Associated Press

IN THE STATES

Agent Orange lawsuit by Vietnamese dismissed

BY MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN nesses, largely because of a lack

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - A federal judge Thursday dismissed a lawsuit by some 4 million Vietnamese claiming that U.S. chemical companies committed war crimes by making Agent Orange for use during the Vietnam War.

U.S. District Judge Jack B. Weinstein disagreed that alleged ly toxic defoliant and similar U.S. herbicides should be considered poisons banned under international rules of war, even though they may have had comparable effects on people and land

The judge also found that the plaintiffs could not prove that Agent Orange had caused their illof large-scale research. Plaintiffs' lawyers said an ap-

peal was planned.

The lawsuit was the first attempt by Vietnamese plaintiffs to seek compensation for the effects of Agent Orange, which is laden with the highly toxic chemical dioxin and has been linked to cancer, diabetes and birth defects among Vietnamese soldiers, civilians and American veterans.

U.S. aircraft sprayed more than 21 million gallons of the chemical between 1962 to 1971 in attempts to destroy crops and re-move foliage used as cover by communist forces.

Lawyers for Monsanto, Dow Chemical and more than a dozen other companies had said they should not be punished for follow ing what they believed to be the orders of the U.S. government.

They also argued that international law generally exempts cor-porations, as opposed to individuals, from liability for alleged war crimes

'We've said all along that any issues regarding wartime activi ties should be resolved by the U.S. and Vietnamese govern-ments," said Dow Chemical spokesman Scot Wheeler. "We believe that defoliants saved lives by protecting allied forces from enemy ambush and did not create adverse health effects.

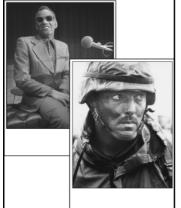
The Department of Justice had supported the chemical companies in court, saying a ruling against the firms could crinnle the president's power to direct the military

A plaintiffs' lawyer, William Goodman, said the judge made "a clear error" in deciding Agent Orange was not a poison and said an appeal was planned.

Some 10.000 U.S. war veterans receive medical disability benefits related to Agent Orange.

The Vietnamese government has said the United States has a moral responsibility for damage but has never sought compensation for victims.

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Jackson makes late arrival at courthouse

BY TIM MOLLOY The Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. - A paja ma-clad Michael Jackson arrive more than an hour late to his child molestation trial Thursday, but the judge who had threatened to arrest him resumed the case without taking any action against the singer in open court.

The singer's young accuser re-turned to the stand for a second day, saying Jackson gave him wine and called it "Jesus juice." Superior Court Judge Rodney S. Melville had issued an arrest warrant when Jackson failed to arrive on time, but told defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. he would hold it for one hour. The judge, obviously angry, also had threatened to revoke his \$3 million bail.

Mesereau, who told the judge Jackson was being treated for a severe back problem, paced outside court and talked on his cell phone until the singer arrived, a few minutes past the judge's deadline. Jackson walked in gingerly dressed in a jacket over pajamas and looked distressed.



Former President Bill Clinton watches his shot at the Medalist Golf Club before a benefit golf tournament for tsunami relief efforts on Wednesday. Clinton's surgery on Thursday went fine, his office said.

Surgery on Clinton deemed 'successful'

By VERENA DOBNIK The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Surgeons successfully removed fluid and scar tissue from Bill Clinton's chest cavity Thursday, cleaning up minor complications from the former president's heart bypass operation of six months ago.

Clinton was "awake and resting comfortably" after four hours of surgery, said Herbert Pardes, president of New York-Presbyte-rian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Cen-

ter. His wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. and daughter Chelsea were with him and said to be pleased with the outcome.

surgery began at 7 a.m., about two hours

after Clinton arrived in an SUV at the Manhattan hospital on a brisk winter morning. Clinton 58 told doctors he was

looking forward to getting on with his recovery. Doctors expect him to make a full recovery, which could take anywhere from three to 10 days.

Clinton underwent heart bypass surgery in September because of clogged arteries. Doctors described Thursday's operation as a low-risk procedure to relieve a complication that crops up in only a fraction of 1 percent of bypass patients.

The scar tissue was pressing down on Clinton's left lung, causing discomfort and reduced lung canacity. Dr. Joshua Sonett, one of Clinton's surgeons, said at a news conference that the combi-nation of fluid and scar tissue had decreased Clinton's lung capacity by 25 percent before the opera

The operation typically is done either through a small incision or with a video-assisted scope insert-ed between the ribs. The patient is given general anesthesia The Secret Ser-

vice, police and Clinton was hospital security staff conducted a described as sweep of the walk ways and corriawake and dors as Clinton was whisked inresting side through a side entrance hecomfortably. fore the opera-

tion. He arrived in an SUV that pulled inside a hos-pital gate, providing quick access

The former president had been in Florida on Wednesday at a charity golf tournament to benefit tsunami victims. He appeared relaxed, cracking jokes about his golf game and saying he wasn't worried about the surgery.

More than 1,000 people sent the 42nd president good wishes through his Web site.

The Clintons asked well-wishers to make donations to the American Heart Association, which set up a special location for such contributions on its web site

Rather signs off as CBS evening anchor

BY DAVID BAUDER The Associated Press

NEW YORK - To the end of his career as CBS News anchor, Dan Rather stared down his critics.

Rather ended his final broadcast at the "CBS Evening News" on Wednesday with the message he was once ridiculed for offering: "courage."

The 73-year-old has covered a breathtaking array of stories in more than 40 years at CBS, from the Kennedy assassination to the recent tsunami, and was the network's most visible face for the past 24 years. He replaced Walter Cronkite on the evening news on March 9, 1981

Bob Schieffer is Rather's temporary replacement. CBS expects to name permanent anchor team in the coming months.

Rather was the second of the three men who dominated network news for more than two decades to step down in four months, NBC's Tom Brokaw exited in November, leaving ABC's Peter Jennings remaining at "World News Tonight '

His voice slightly hoarse, Rather was all business for the first 20 minutes of Wednesday's broadcast. He didn't mention the special day, and nei-

A collection of 'Ratherisms'

Some call them "Ratherisms." Others prefer "Danisms." It was election time that inspired Dan Rather to come up with his most memorable savings

NOVEMBER 1988

"George Bush is sweeping through the South like a tornado through a trailer park." **NOVEMBER 1992**

The election is so exciting it could "make the wax pop out of your ears if you love politics."

ther did correspondents John Roberts or Anthony Mason when they threw stories back to him

Then Rather looked back on what he called the most important story of his career - the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. He opened the news that evening by saying, "You will remember this day as long as you live.

He thanked viewers at the end of Wednesday's newscast, then mentioned Sept. 11 survivors, tsunami sur-

Election results were "scarv enough to make the Democrats' fin-NOVEMBER 1996

Election night was "the long kiss goodnight for Bob Dole." NOVEMBER 2000

"This race is tight like a too-small bathing suit on a too-long ride home from the beach.'

NOVEMBER 2004

"We don't know what to do. We don't know whether to wind a watch or bark at the moon." vivors, the American military, the op-

pressed, the sick and fellow journalists in dangerous places. "And, to each of you." he said. "courage." For a week in September 1986, Rath-

er ended the news with the word "cour-age." He gave it up after being mocked for it. Rather wants most to be remem-

bered as a reporter.

He said he's not retiring, but chang-

jobs. He will be a reporter for CBS's "60 Minutes" broadcasts.



Dan Rather anchors his last "CBS Evening News" broadcast Wednesday from the CBS Broadcast Center in New York. Rather began anchoring on March 9, 1981.

Lisa Walker, a U.S. Forest Service maintenance worker. uses binoculars Wednesday to view steam as it rises from the crater of Mount St. Helens in Washington



Mount St. Helens blast 'small potatoes'

MOUNT ST. HELENS, Wash. - Josh White has

The 31-year-old from Astoria, Ore., missed it when Mount St. Helens reawakened in the fall. On Wednesday, the volcano enthusiast rushed to the mountain to get a look at the massive plume that stretched seven miles high the night before. It had been replaced by a wispy cloud.

"It's been twice in a row now that the mountain has blown before I could get up here," White said, camera in hand

"I do think if it goes big, this is going to be it - but what a way to go. For a few minutes Tuesday, it seemed like it could

be the big one. Scientists at the U.S. Geological Survey's volcano observatory in Vancouver, Wash. were getting ready to head home when the squiggly line on the computer that tracks seismic activity at Mount St. Helens suddenly turned a solid black

"It just kept on going and going," said research hydrologist Jon Major, describing the seismic line that registered Tuesday's earthquake mea-suring a magnitude of 2.0.

The mountain, located some 50 miles away, was belching steam and ash, signaling the most powerful blast since Mount St. Helens awake last fall Compared with the eruption that killed 57 people on May 18, 1980, the plume "is really small pota-

" Major said. The outpouring began with practically no warning at around 5:25 p.m., about an hour after the 2.0 magnitude quake registered on the east side of the

8.364-foot volcano, said Bill Steele, coordinator of the Pacific Northwest Seismograph Network in Seat-Scientists will spend the next few days combine

through the hours of data just before the plume to see if they missed any markers. They also intend to gather ash samples near the crater to study its rock chemistry and to determine if the composition of the magma has become richer in explosive gases.

Delta makes changes

ATLANTA - Delta Air Lines Inc. is dropping its food-for-sale program, boosting prices on alco-holic beverages and eliminating pillows on many flights as the struggling carrier seeks to improve customer service even as its tries to become more efficient and cut costs.

The nation's third-largest airline announced Wednesday that starting April 3 it will replace its food-for-sale program, which was launched on selected flights in July 2003, with a wider assortment of free snacks in coach class on most domestic and some Latin American and Caribbean flights of more than 90 minutes

Killer of four executed

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. - A man who spent nearly a quar-ter-century on death row for killing a couple and their two children was executed early Thursday.

Donald Ray Wallace, 47, died by injection at 12:23 a.m. at the Indiana State Prison. He was convicted in 1982 of slaying the Gilligan fami-- parents Patrick, Theresa, Lisa, 5, and Gregory, 4 — two years earlier during a robbery at their Evansville home.

Wallace is the 12th person executed by the state of Indiana since the death penalty was reinstated in

From The Associated Press

Counterintelligence goes on the offensive

have been

harmed to act.

National counterintelligence

Michelle Van Cleave

executive

BY KATHERINE SHRADER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The federal government suspects more than 2.000 Chinese companies of operating in the United States to steal secrets and wonders whether more than 300,000 Chinese visitors are really here for study and research.
These concerns about who

might be swiping IIS information extend to several 66 No longer will we departments from Defense to wait until we

Energy to State

— and officials under scores the need for pre-emptive action embodied in President Bush's plan for a national

new, nati counterintelli gence strategy.

As soon as this month, Bush is expected to direct U.S. intelligence agencies to go on the offensive to prevent the loss of secrets and technology, a policy consistent with the pre-emptive mili-tary strategy the administration developed in 2002.

National Counterintelligence Executive Michelle Van Cleave provided a broad outline of the unclassified strategy — the Seven Pillars of U.S. Counterintelligence — at a conference last weekend in Texas. A leading goal is to shift from reactive counterintelligence operations — finding spies and other sources of leaks after they've done significant damage -- to offensive opera-

"No longer will we wait until we have been harmed to act,' Van Cleave said.

Intelligence experts say the

task will be difficult, given the espionage threats from China. Russia and other countries, as well as terrorist groups and other interests determined to penetrate the United States

Government officials say there are counterintelligence successes every day that are never made public. Some cases involve suspected spies who are given "full

transactional immunity" for de-tails of their activities - a rare government

promise to avoid prosecution exchange for full disclosure. The individual's career may but he or she will avoid jail time.

But some exnerts say the unfortunate reality is that only one truly major espionage case has ever been unraveled through classic detective work: the case of CIA turncoat Aldrich Ames. He helped devastate U.S. intelligence operations against the Soviets by selling them secrets be-tween 1985 and 1994. "It is very rare for counterintel-

ligence, using analysis and con-ventional detective work, to un-earth spies," said Keith Melton, a historical consultant to the U.S. intelligence community for more than 20 years.

Richard Haver, a former assistant defense secretary for intelli gence, notes that the number of Americans with access to sensitive information is massive

At Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's request during early 2001, Haver tabulated that 11 million people had been granted se-curity clearances. In 2001, there were 900,000 active clearances.



Rap artists 50 Cent, left, and The Game hold checks Wednesday during a news conference in Harlem, N.Y. The two rappers, who have been feuding for a week, announced an end to the disagreement and donations to the Boys Choir of Harlem.

Gangsta rappers end bitter weeklong feud

BY NEKESA MUMBI MOODY The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Perhaps selling 1.1 million copies of his new album in four days has softened the heart of 50 Cent. Or maybe he has so many feuds going, he can

afford to let one go. On Wednesday, 50 Cent and The Game publicly squashed a bitter feud that had erupted into gunfire last week after 50 kicked Game out of his G-Unit clique for

dislovalty The two platinum-selling gangsta rappers didn't exactly kiss and make up. When they emerged before a media throng at Harlem's famed Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, both looked as if they'd been shoved

into apologies by a stern mother. But they did shake hands, albeit at the end of the news conference, after speaking about contrition and the need for peace.

50 noted that Wednesday was the anniversary of the unsolved murder of Biggie Smalls in 1997, the culmination of a rap war between Biggie and Tupac Shakur that pitted East Coast against West

'We're here today to show that people can rise above the most difficult circumstances and together we can put negativity behind us, said 50, a native New Yorker. "A lot of people don't want to see it happen, but we're responding to the two most important groups. our family and our fans.'

"I just want to apologize on behalf of myself and 50," said Game, who's from the Los Angeles suburb of Compton. "I'm almost ashamed to have participated in the things that happened in the last couple of weeks

50 presented an oversized check for \$150,000 to the Boys Choir of Harlem. Game donated \$103,500. It was not clear why Game chose that amount or whether he had been reinstated in G-Unit; no questions were taken at the news conference. The Game also made a contribution to the Compton schools music program.

Is the truce sincere?
"Of course it was genuine." said hip-hop mogul Russell Sim-

mons, who was at the event. "They stood on stage together." At the very least, it was a remarkable concession for rappers who routinely brag about killing

their enemies "It is the first time we've seen 50 publicly take a step back"

from a battle said Elliott Wilson editor in chief of the hip-hop mag-

A long-awaited arrival

Missing remains of Texas GI return home after 60 years

BY BILL HANNA

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH, Texas - A shaving brush.

A piece of a comb Part of a boot A worn set of dog tags

These clues belned unearth a 60-year-old mystery about the whereabouts of Pfc. Preston "Pug" Harris. In November 1944

23-year-old soldier from Greenville, Texas, was part of the 405th Infantry Regiment, 102nd Infan try Division that was fighting along the heavily fortified Siegfried Line near the German-Netherlands border.

The regiment's records state that Harris was killed Nov. 22, 1944. near Beeck, Germany. He was eight days short of his 24th birthday.

Harris was officially listed as killed in action, but the location of his body was unknown. The family was told that he might have been buried in an unmarked grave at a military cemetery in the Netherlands

His family knew little else

"One of my other uncles wrote one of the men in Preston's unit who said they were in a field

when an 88 [mm] round came in on him and the other guy, and that was it." said Harris' nephew. Knighton

first



step toward solving the mystery occurred in June 2003 when a German company that was removing unexploded ordnance from the battlefield uncovered human remains in an unmarked grave

The personal items found in the grave led officials to believe they had discovered a U.S. soldier's remains. The remains were transferred to the Hurtgen War Cemetery and later to the U.S. Army Mortuary Affairs Activity in Landstuhl, Germany.

A team from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii came to the Beeck area in June, excavated the site and took sion of the remains, Hudson said

After examining dental and medical records, the investigators were able to identify Harris A military representative visit-ed Harris' family in February and returned some of the person-

al items that had been recovered. Bob Mason, general manager of Peters Funeral Home in Greenville, said his staff did a double take when they first learned the date of Harris' death. "It was a very interesting thing when we

started talking about a death that occurred on Nov. 22, 1944," Mason said. Harris' military funeral is scheduled for Saturday in Greenville But the service won't include a ceremonial rifle volley. "My grandmother didn't want that," Hudson said. "She felt like

he already had enough shooting over there." Harris was the voungest of 10 children. The only surviving family member is his 89-year-old sister Manle Harris Hudson

Internet casino buys 'Virgin Mary' pretzel



GoldenPalace.com, an Internet casino, has won in the bidding for a pretzel said to be shaped like the Virgin Mary holding baby lesus. The sellers. Kent and Machelle Naylor of St. Paul, Neb. sold the pretzel Wednesday on eBay for \$10.600. The Navlors' 12-year-old daughter, Crysta, said she discovered the pretzel while snacking and watching television with her family on Feb 27. In November, the casino paid \$28,000 for a partially eaten grilled cheese sandwich said to resemble the Virgin Mary.

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U.S. Consul issues guides for spring breakers

BY LYNN BREZOSKY

The Associated Press

MATAMOROS, Mexico - The U.S. Consulate on Wednesday warned spring breakers that they should be safe from the drug violence plaguing the border if they don't do "stuff you would not do at home," like urinate in public - and aren't on the streets at 2 a.m.

U.S. Consul John Naland said American officials are distributing 10,000 bright yellow fliers at hotels and condominiums around South Padre Island, Texas, upon which college students will descend for spring break and cross the border to enjoy the lower drinking age in Mexico. The fliers will also be sent to border-crossing tour buses.

Naland issued the fliers Wednesday to coincide with the State Department's more sweeping update on foreign travel.

In September 2004, the U.S. consulate issued an advisory for Reynosa, Mexico, across from McAllen, Texas, warning of U.S. tourists and business travelers being shaken down by police. In some cases the police took tourists to remote ATM machines and ordered them to withdraw money.

That advisory was superseded in January by a more strongly worded State Department alert about drug shootings, kidnappings, and weak police surveillance along the border. U.S. officials said 27 U.S. citizens had been abducted along the Mexican side of the border over six months. Two had been killed.

The alert sparked an outcry among city leaders on both sides of the border, who said it would cripple the thousands of vendors, restaurateurs, disco owners and others who rely on tourists

With trade spilling back and forth between Matamoros and Brownsville, the mayors of those two cities and of South Padre Island said they would ask the government to tone down the warnings

Naland said someone traveling in a group to a well-known place should be fine.

Naland said his latest message was the same for churches that send youths to Mexico on mission trips during Easter break and throughout the sumKathleen
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Quit smoking with a pill?

Researchers working on drugs to cut nicotine dependency

BY MATT APUZZO
The Associated Press

GROTON, Conn. — Researchers are racing to develop a potentially lucrative drug that would make

smoking as treatable as erectile dysfunction, high cholesterol and acid reflux disease.

Major pharmaceutical companies and small startups see the potential for billions of dollars in sales for a vaccine or a nicotine-free pill that could end addiction at the chemical level for America's 50 mil-

lion smokers.
"It's the biggest addiction market there is," said Dr. Herbert D. Kleber, a psychiatry professor and addiction researcher at Columbia University. "Is it realistic to be able to help addicts stop smoking and

realistic to be able to help addicts stop smoking and remain off with a pill? I think the answer is yes and we're working on a number of them." While nicotine patches, gums, lozenges and sprays help wean smokers off cigarettes by slowly reducing their dependence on nicotine, researchers

are tailoring drugs to mimic or block nicotine's chemical reactions with the body. In Connecticut, researchers at Pfizer Inc. identified a brain receptor that nicotine binds to and designed a drug, varenicline, that latches to the same sits. Varenicline is in Phase III testing, normally the last step before a company applies for approval from the Food and Drug Administration.

Researchers hope that the drug will attach to nicotine receptors in the brain, preventing overpowering cravings from setting in when someone stops

smoking.

If varenicline's claims hold up, the drug could generate more than \$500 million a year in sales, said

David Moskowitz, an analyst with Friedman, Billings, Ramsey & Co.
"It's an unmet medical need," said Dr. Karen Reeves, executive director of clinical development for Pfizer. "The morbidity and mortality rate is so high and decrease and explorance well heave not be

Reeves, executive director of clinical development for Pfizer. "The morbidity and mortality rate is so high, and doctors and smokers really have not had enough in their armamentarium to help smokers stop smoking."

Then there's NicVax. a drug that Florida-based

Nabi Pharmaceuticals claims could be used as a nicotine vaccine. NicVax triggers the production of antibodies that bind to nicotine molecules, preventing them from reacting with receptors in the brain.

"Everyone has been looking for the magic bullet," said Thomas Glynn, director of cancer science and trends for the American Cancer Society.

Whether one will be found remains uncertain, he said. It's more likely, doctors agree, that scientists will develop a number of successful drugs that will prove effective, but no single pill will "cure" smoking.

Doctors with high hopes have been let down before. In 1997, the FDA approved bupropion, commonly sold under the name Zyban, as an anti-smoking drug. The drug, which was originally marketed as an antidepressant, has proved successful for some smokers but was never the industry blockbuster some expected.

Cholesterol drugs in high doses help cut heart problems

By Marilynn Marchion The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Giving people with modestly clogged arteries very high doses of a drug to drive their cholesterol down to very low levels cut their risk of strokes and heart attacks even more impressively than expected, the first study to test this strategy found.

Although some patients developed liver problems that forced them to stop taking the medication, researchers believe the benefits of this approach outweigh its risks. Still, specialists said more study is needed to establish its safety before it can be recommended.

"This was a very gutsy study," said Dr. John LaRosa of State University of New York in Brooklyn, who led the large international study. "This is new territory."

He presented the findings Tuesday at an American College of Cardiology meeting in Orlando. They also were published online by the New England Journal of Medicine and will be in its April 7

Statin drugs such as Lipitor,
Zocor and Mevacor have show
an impressive ability to lower
LDL, or "bad" cholesterol, and reduce the risk of heart trouble. Recently, some doctors have advocated a much more aggressive
strategy of driving cholesterol levels down even farther for certain
people.

A study of this approach was funded by and involved many doctors with ties to Pfizer Inc., which makes Lipitor. It is one of six statins on the market. Guidelines advise people at high risk of a heart attack to get LDL to 70 and those at moderate risk to aim for 100.

A previous study found that giving high-dose statins to lower cholesterol below 100 helped people who recently suffered a heart attack. This study, in contrast, involved people who had clogged

High-dose statins further reduce risks

High doses of the statin drug atorvastatin to reduce cholesterol can decrease the risk of strokes and heart attacks. Major cardiac events were 22 percent lower among those on high-dose statins, though some developed liber information.

Major cardiac events after nearly five years

Low dose 10.9%
High dose 8.7%

Patients showing adverse effects related to treatment

Low dose 5.8%
High dose 8.1%

NOTE: Low dose 10 mg.; high 80 mg.

SOURCE: New England AP Journal of Medicine

heart arteries that occasionally cause chest pain but were in no immediate danger of a heart attack. Up to 13 million Americans are in that category.

About 10,000 people in 14 countries took either 10 milligrams or 80 milligrams of Lipitor and brought their LDL levels to 101 and 77, respectively.

After nearly five years, 109 percent of those on the low dose had died or suffered a stroke, heart attack or other big problem, compared with 8.7 percent on the high dose. That means that patients on high doses had a 22 percent lower risk.

That is better than doctors had expected, LaRosa said. "Most of us thought that when

"Most of us thought that when you got to 100, going lower would be marginal at best," he said. However, about 1.2 percent de-

However, about 1.2 percent developed signs of liver inflammation on the high dose versus 0.2 percent of the others, which is in line with other studies that tested high doses of statins.

Study: Many toddlers run behind on shots schedule

BY LINDSEY TANNER
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — While overall U.S. immunization rates are high many toddlers get their recommended shots several months or more late — delays that have probably contributed to some illnesses and deaths, a government study suggests.

By age 2, 37 percent of youngsters got at least one recommend ed vaccination more than six months late, researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found. About 20 percent of children had similar delays for four or more vaccinations.

Timely vaccinations are "one

of the most important things parents can do to protect the health of their child," said CDC epidemiologist Elizabeth Luman. than a dozen diseases are recommended for children in their first two years of life.

The study anneared in Wedness

The study appeared in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association. The researchers did not examine reasons for the delays.

The researchers analyzed data from a national telephone survey of families of 14,810 children ages 2 years to 35 months. Participants were asked in

2003 about vaccinations their children had received by age 2. A survey was mailed to participants' doctors to verify the information.

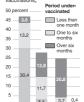
By the time of the survey, 74 percent of the children were up to

date on their immunizations, but many had gotten their shots late. Among the most common de-

layed shots were those for pertussis, or whooping cough.

Late vaccinations

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Court drops challenge against translation policy

SAN DIEGO — A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit challenging a Clinton administration policy that requires many doctors and hospitals to provide translators for patients who speak little English.

In a ruling announced Tuesday, Judge Barry Moskowitz said the plaintiffs did not demonstrate how they were harmed by the policy, which applies to all doctors and hospitals that receive federal funding.

The lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services was filed in August by several physicians and a group supporting English as the nation's official language. They contended the policy is an expensive and intrusive burden on doctors and limits their right of free speech.

Pacific Legal Foundation, a conservative law firm in Sacramento that represented the plaintiffs, said it would appeal the dismissal.

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"The court got it wrong," attorney Sharon Browne said.

"Asking doctors to pay for and be legally responsible for the competency of translations for hundreds of foreign languages defies common sense."

Clinton created the policy in 2000 by issuing an executive order. Supporters have said that patients with limited English skills need to fully understand their doctors.

From The Associated Press

O say, can you sing this song? Probably not

BY ANDREW DRUCKENBROD Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The poem Francis Scott Key jotted down as he saw an American flag still flying after a British bombardment at Baltimore's Fort McHenry in 1814 is still powerful and in-

spiring. That is, if you know the words. An effort is under way to get Americans to learn the words to "The Star-Spangled Banner," supported in part by a new Harris survey that indicates nearly two-thirds of U.S. citizens don't know all the words to the national anthem. Those who mumble if a sporting event swill get a chance to learn them, care of the National Anthem Project. a private sector endeavor organized by the

National Association for Music Education.
The program, which started this week in
Washington, D.C., will target classrooms
and older Americans and culminate with a
celebration and a massive singing of the anthem in the summer of 2007.

Project out to help Americans learn to sing national anthem – and get the lyrics right

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But what about the music? "The Star-Spangled Banner's" serpentine melody is often considered one of the trickiest out there. Are citizens any more likely to be able to sing the tune than remember the

Is John Stafford Smith's music as worthy of praise as Key's poem?

"Tlove this anthem and I can't imagine it not being there," said Craig Jessop, music director of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The choir is participating in the National Anthem Project along with the Oak Ridge Boys, Garrison Keillor and others. But he points out that the tune itself is difficult to sine."

"(The vocal range) is an octave and a

d get the lyrics right
fifth," he said. "That is indeed a very large
range. Most songs stay within an octave

That's why you tend to hear a fuzzy sound right at "And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air" and voices breaking up at "O'er the land of the free."

range, or an octave and a third.

breaking up at "O'er the land of the free."
That's part of the reason there was a
movement to name "America the Beautiful" as the national anthem a few years

John Mahlmann, executive director of the National Association for Music Education, posits that it wouldn't be so difficult if music teachers had not been reduced in schools around the nation, a major subtext to the National Anthem Project.

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"This is a ramification of cutting music education," said Mahlmann.

Why, then, don't adults have a better grasp of the anthem's words and music? In the Harris survey, the elderly fared worse than younger Americans in their recall of

"The Star-Spangled Banner." There isn't a clear answer.

In most gatherings or sporting events, audiences listen to a celebrity or a group play the "Star-Spangled Banner" rather than sing it themselves. "When President Hoover signed this

into law (in 1931), the code talked about all Americans getting involved," Mahlmann said.
"National anthems, almost by definition, are meant to be sung by the population, not

"For whatever reason, over a period of time, we have become a nation of watchers and listeners"

Hunting declines as urban life grows

BY ANGIE WAGNER The Associated Press

As a teenager, Bryan Dinkins and his grandfather would go out before dawn on many a winter morning to hunt duck. They would quietly discuss school and life while waiting for the birds.

Dinkins, now 40, hasn't been hunting in six years. He's too busy, he says, and anyway it would take six hours to drive somewhere to hunt ducks in California.

It's a common lament in the new century, a time when urbanization and hectic lives can get in the way of hunting traditions. "If we think about how the country was explored and developed, it was hunters, it was trappers," said Steve Williams, directly said Steve Williams, directly circ. "If we lost that, I thin some way we lose part of the American character."

Across the country, the number of hunters has declined by more than 1 million from 1991 to 2001, or 7.3 percent, according to Census Bureau and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service data. The drop was greater in the West — 9.6 percent.

Hunting has survived through generations by fathers passing the tradition on to their children, and families bonding during hunting trips. But many people have given up on hunting or have never tried it at all.

The number of hunters in the West dropped by 236,000 in the decade ending in 2001, even though the population jumped. California had the largest drop

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— 38.6 percent — followed by Colorado, Arizona and Nevada. Washington, Wyoming, Oregon and Hawaii had slight declines.

Most hunters said in the 2001



Rick Gipson carries the coyote he shot while hunting in Idaho's Owyhee Desert in December. Hunting has survived through generations by fathers passing it on to their children. Today, many people have given up on hunting or have never tried it.

Census and in the Fish and Wildlife survey that they did not hunt as much as they would have liked because they were too busy or had family or work obligations.

The reasons were the same for those who gave up hunting altogether, another study found.

As the West becomes more urban, with new residents flocking to cities like Las Vegas and Phoenix, development inevitably leads to fewer hunting lands.

"A generation or so ago, it was still possible to take a son and daughter out to the country, knock on a farmer's door and be out in the field hunting in pretty short order," said George Cooper, spokesman for the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership. "That's how young people got into hunting. Loss of habitat due to sprawl and landowner worries about liability have made that sort of old-fashioned access hard to come by."

But a study by Responsive Management, a public opinion research firm for natural resources issues, found if people are not exposed to hunting before they are 16 or 17, they likely will not hunt as adults.

And the more people grow up in urban areas, the less likely they are to be exposed to the hunting culture, said Mark Damian Duda, executive director of the group. "That's the big, broad demographic trend that's taken its toll on hunting," he said.

Associated Press writer Bob Anez in Helena, Mont., contributed to this report. Wagner reported from Las Venas.

N.J. seeks surcharge on cable if networks fail to help gamblers

BY JOHN CURRAN The Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — On Bravo, it's "Celebrity Poker Showdown." On ESPN, it's "The World Series of Poker." On compulsive-gambling help lines, the real

stakes emerge.

Now a New Jersey lawmaker wants cable networks that feature gambling to help gambling addicts by giving money to treatment agencies. Assemblywoman Joan Voss, a Democrat, on Tuesday called for a surcharge on state cable providers if the net-

works don't cooperate.

"Cable television channels that are heavily promoting the Texas Hold 'Em rage should be held responsible for some of the unglamorous side effects, like juvenile gambling addictions," said Voss.

New Jersey casinos kick in 6500,000 amually for auti-com-

pulsive gambling programs; it's only fair that poker networks contribute, according to Voss. The broadcast media "have almost completely failed to provide any sort of health warnings, public service announcements or responsible gambling tips," said Keith Whyte, executive director of the Washington-based National Council on Problem Gambling.

In New Jersey, 28 percent of the nearly 20,000 calls made to the state help-line last year came from gamblers who cited cards or dice as their gambling vices, up from 4 percent in 2003, according to figures released Tuesday.

Voss said easy access to the television coverage by young viewers is dangerous. Whyte said poker-playing minors are increasingly calling the National Council's help line.

The surcharge, Voss said, would be imposed on cable providers who air poker tournaments, requiring them to collect the money from cable networks without passing on the charge to customers.

ESPN spokeswoman Keri Potts said the sports cable network needed to review the proposal before it could respond.



Terry Elman, education coordinator for the Council on Compulsive Gamiling of New Jersey, displays materials Tuesday from a gambling awareness program designed for New Jersey schools. A state lawmaker has another idea for combating problem gambling — requiring cable networks that air poker shows to help fund treatment agencies.

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of Amelia and George Limpert

83-year-old love story closes its last chapter

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - In the days after losing her husband of 82 years year, centenarian Amelia Limpert mourned terribly, saying she wanted to rejoin the soul mate she met doing factory work after World War I.

Now, more than 13 months after George Limpert's passing at age 102, his 101-year-old wid was laid to rest Monday. Kutis Fu-neral Home said Amelia Limpert died last week at a retirement center where the Limperts closed out their golden years, never shy about holding hands.

This love story dates to 1919, when George was a machinist at a St. Louis plant that made paint guns and lamp guards. Amelia was a teenager from Penn-sylvania who worked the assem-bly line.

George had hoped she'd be his wife, although Amelia's family had other ideas. Their engage ment was broken off three times before they finally jumped into his Model T and eloped on Sept. 9, 1921, spending \$8 on a mar-riage certificate and a civil cere-

mony with a justice of the peace.

A month later, the devout
Roman Catholics had a formal
marriage ceremony. He was 20, she an 18-year-old woman with a third-grade education who had taught herself to read and write.

During the Great Depression, the Limperts struggled. George, out of work most of the time, took odd jobs. The couple raised nine children in a one-bedroom home.

The Limperts lost an infant son in 1941 and another son to lung cancer in 1988. During World War II, four of the Limperts' sons went into the armed services. One never came home: Joseph Limpert died as a 19-year-old Marine on Iwo Jima.

Years later, three Limpert sons went to fight in Korea. George went on to work as a machinist at the Chain of Rocks Water Works, rose to foreman and retired in the mid-1960s at age 65 after 24 years on the job.

There are seven surviving sons and daughters, along with 40 grandchildren, 117 great-grandchildren, 43 great-great-grand-children and 13 great-greatgreat-grandchildren

More Americans choosing to work after retirement

BY WILL LESTER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - After decades working in financial and real estate management, 61-year-old Bill Copeland retired to his version of the American dream - not full-time leisure but a less-taxing

He's hardly alone. Close to two-thirds of Americans who have not yet retired say that when the time comes they will work for pay after retiring. The reason given most often has nothing to do with money - they simply want to stay

For Copeland, after years of 60and 80-hour work weeks, that means "only" 40 hours a week at a job selling power tools and advising people on how to use them.

"I'm doing something I want to do, that I know about and I can help people," said Copeland, who works in Falls Church, Va., at a Home Depot, a company that makes a special effort to attract older workers.

The political debate on the fu ture of Social Security has focused fresh attention on retirement and how older Americans make ends meet. As they live longer, healthier lives, work is an option for an increasing number.

recent Associated Press-Ipsos poll, 63 percent of those who have not retired said they thought they would work for pay after they retired. The reason given most often was "to stay busy," followed by "to make ends meet" and "to have enough money for extras

People find various ways to stay in the work force - working past retirement age, cutting back to part-time, or retiring and then taking a new job — often with less stress, fewer hours and less money

Joseph Quinn, a professor of eco-nomics and dean of the college of arts and sciences at Boston College, has extensively studied retirement patterns and believes people "tend to retire in stages, which I think is a healthy thing."



Bill Copeland of Annandale, Va., who retired recently from the real estate business, right, works with customer Gary Petrosian at a Home Depot in Falls Church, Va., Monday

"For many people, retirement is not an event but a process," he

An ongoing Rand Corp. study of retirees has found that about half who retired, were still retired after five years. About a quarter had gone back to work - either part time or full time. The remainder either partially retired and kept working or retired in stages — first partially and then completely.

Nicole Maestas, an economist who led the "unretirement" study for Rand, found men were more likely than women to retire and then go back to work.

Her research was done with data from the Health and Retirement Study, done by the Universi-ty of Michigan in cooperation with

the National Institute on Aging. Interest in working longer is re-lated to many factors, researchers say. Some of it has to do with peo-ple living longer.

The life expectancy for people now is just under 78 years, an in-crease of almost a decade in the last 50 years.



limmy Hubbard walks along a rural road in Unity, Maine, on Feb. 17, as he has done for the past 25 years.

Elderly man logs serious mileage 60-year-old custodian uses pit and pat to get places

I do it 'cause I have to

get places. 77

Jimmy Hubbard

Custodian, Unity College

BY GLENN ADAMS The Associated Press

UNITY, Maine - For nearly a quarter century of winter snowstorms, spring rains and summer heat, Jimmy Hubbard has hoofed it to and from his job as a custodian, a daily round trip of five es across central Maine's farming country.

The rail-thin 60-something isn't interested in being a model of environmentalism at the ecology-minded Unity College where he works. He shows scant interest in the state's media campaigns to get people to

walk more and live healthier lives. 44 I don't do it to be a model. "I don't do it to be a model," Hubbard said with a wide, toothless grin. "I do it 'cause I

have to get places.' So far, his daily treks have amounted to

power-walking around the Earth, or hiking the Appalachian Trail 14 times. He has no interest in buying a car and no intention of quitting his daily jaunts until his retirement in a couple more years.

"I don't mind," Hubbard said on a recent morn ing after making his way to work through a late-winter rain that washed away part of the snow left by a blizzard a few days earlier. "It's just the idea that I have to get where I'm going and just keep going 'til I get there

He had a car years ago — he doesn't remem-ber the year or model — but gave it to his brother. He never bothered to go for his driver's license after getting his permit.

Once in a while, he accepts a ride if someone offers it and the weather's especially bad. Hubbard lives in the little yellow house where

he was born. It sits close to a road that winds

through the woods at the edge of this town of about 1,800 people. On his 20 acres, he keeps a variety of pets, including three llamas, a bobcat, coyote, Canadian lynx and foxes, sheep, pheasants and peacocks.

Feeding and caring for his animals gets Hubbard up at 4 or 5 a.m., keeps him busy well into the evening after he returns from work, and costs \$600 a month. "I've had animals ever since I was a kid," said Hubbard, who is no longer married but lives with a son and teenage grandchil-

Most students on the campus of nearly 600 students have at least a passing familiarity with Hubwho bard, carries home-baked cakes to his friends on the college staff on their birthdays. Some students and women on the staff get flowers on their birthdays

The students think so highly of Hubbard that for the second year in a row this spring, he will hand out saplings to seniors as they march across the stage in a Unity graduation tradition.

A framed certificate on the wall of his clos-

et-sized office proclaims Hubbard the "King of

Hubbard's daily routine also earns the admiration of state officials, who are trying to help Mainers avoid chronic disease by getting them to exercise and live healthier lifestyles. State multimedia efforts focus on two leading causes of chronic disease: obesity and smoking.

The state Transportation Department is trying to remove barriers that keep children from walk-ing to school, and a Healthy Maine Walks Web site helps connect Mainers with local trails and other safe walking routes.

Oh, gross! Disgusting exhibit proves popular

By JOSEPH B. FRAZIER The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. - Freddie the Fly lays it out in terms dear to the adolescent heart: "My wife's cooking is so bad I vomit before I eat. But seriously ..

Freddie tosses off one-liners like the late Henny Youngman, all of them true. It's all about "gross" at the Oregon Museum of

Science and Industry. Freddie, a huge model, is the star of the "Vomit Slurpers" exhibit in "Grossology: The Science of Creatures Gross and Disgusting." Freddie has grade-schoolers clustered around as he explains how he upchucks his digestive juices on a sandwich then sucks up his dinner. "Hey, soup and a sandwich. .

The display and more like it turn the gross into a teaching tool, often with indelicate candor. It's on a North American tour that winds up at Space Center Houston in June 2007

"RETCH! Kitty hurls a warm hairy hot dog!" reads a display on feline hair balls that also gives a clear diagram of what makes

At the Dung-Ball Rally, a much-larger-than-life dung beetle (the Egyptians called them scarabs) boasts, "I can push a ball of poop 50 times my weight uphill." A video game challenges young-sters to see whose beetle can get his dung ball to the top first.

But there's a message here.

A fly, the exhibit notes, can carry 1.25 million bacteria and any of 100 diseases; the dung beetle is imported to Texas pastures and one can bury 1.000 pounds of cow droppings a year

Exhibit visitors also learn that doctors were called "leeches" in Old English because they used leeches to suck the blood of patients they were treating. The

through could watch it spelled out on the blackboard back at school. But this way, museum officials

Cara Wolf-Feather, an educator at the museum. "They can say

Animal Grossology follows a popular exhibit of "Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body" that toured nationally and broke many attendance records

and Industry, which billed it as "Know Thy Poop," drew 400,000 visitors in three months, more than double any other springtime show it has hosted. The grossology concept comes

and animal grossology have sold in the hundreds of thousands Branzei said the target age is 8

modate everyone. She said the idea came in 1993

practice is not totally dead

The classrooms of kids who file hope, they will remember.

"It's a safe space for kids." said things they can't say at home. And they may be grossed-out, but they may be lured in deeper to find out more.'

The human grossology display at the Oregon Museum of Science

from Sylvia Branzei, a former science teacher from Port Roberts. Wash., whose five books on human

to 12 but the exhibits try to accom-

Average time 8- to 18-year-olds

SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation

when she was clipping her toenails. "It literally hit me: 'What's



Susan Almquist, left, of Vancouver, Wash., and her children Katie, 7, and Benjamin, 9, check out the display of a vomiting fly on top of a giant chocolate chip cookie at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland, Ore. The display is part of "Grossology: The Science of Creatures Gross and Disgusting," the brainchild of a former science teacher designed to turn the gross into a teaching tool, which is on a North American tour winding up at the Space Center in Houston in June 2007.

that gunk made of?' Kids like gross stuff. I wanted to teach them science. It was born right then and there

Branzei, However, stopped classroom teaching a couple of years ago, said she has

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avoided the grotesque.

"I stay in areas that most people experience themselves. For example, I stay away from elephantiasis. It's not what most people experience. We make fun of all of ourselves, not just certain examples.'

And parents seem to like the show "They'll tell me, 'Oh my gosh, my child loves science a

She said an educational TV series may be in the offing

Texas OKs cupcakes in classrooms

AUSTIN, Texas - Amid a tense education funding debate, Texas House members paused Wednesday to take up a matter dear to school kids everywhere: cupcakes

Legislators in a unanimous reed vote cleared the way for public school students to bring the sweet treats - complete with candy sprinkles — to celebrate their birthdays.

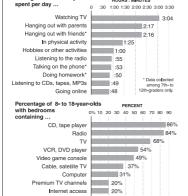
"We have an opportunity to really make the children happy here,' said Rep. Jim Dunnam, a Waco Democrat, asking fellow House members to approve the measure requested by his school-age daughter, Lauren Texas Agriculture Commission-

er Susan Combs, whose agency oversees the state's school lunch program, imposed new healthy food rules aimed at limiting or eliminating junk food and food that competes with cafeteria fare.

In August, soon after setting the new rules, Combs issued a "cupcake clarification" stating that cakes and cupcakes could be brought to school for birthdays. The agriculture department did, however, recommend that birth-day parties be scheduled after the last lunch period.

Study finds media-saturated youth

A new study has found young people ages 8 to 18 have an unprecedented amount of media in their daily lives and surroundings. spending up to six and a half hours a day in media-related activities.



Kids' rooms loaded with new technology

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - It wasn't too long ago that a kid with a stereo and television in his room might have been the coolest on the block Now, that just makes him one of the crowd

In the past five years, many children's rooms have evolved into multimedia centers, with cable or satellite hookups, computers and video game consoles.

For instance, 20 percent of youngsters age 8 to 18 can surf the Web from their bedrooms, double the figure from 1999, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation survey released Wednesday That has helped turn kids into

"media multitaskers," researchers suggest. Nearly one-third of kids say they chat on the phone, surf the Web, instant message, watch TV or listen to music "most of the time" while doing their homework. What effect this behavior has on

the often fragile ability of kids to focus is unclear because detailed research is fairly new, said Vicky Rideout, the foundation vice presi dent who directed the study

Some of the blame — or praise rests with the Internet and technology such as instant messaging, tools widely used for education and entertainment, said Lee Rainie, director of the Pew Internet & American Life Project.

Kaiser surveyed more than 2,000 third-graders 2,000 third-graders through 12th-graders between October 2003 and March 2004 about their nonschool use of TV and videos, music, video games, computers, music, video games, computers, movies and print. The study includ-ed nearly 700 people who kept seven-day "media diaries."

On average, kids devoted six

hours and 21 minutes a day to recreational media use, an increase of just two minutes from 1999, the

Kaiser study found. That still amounts to over 44 hours a week — four more hours than a parent's typical work week.

But 26 percent of kids in 2004 said they "multitasked" when using any form of media, compared with 16 percent five years earlier. Over the same period the proportion of kids' homes that have two or more computers jumped from 25 percent to 39 percent, and the proportion with Internet access in the home grew from 47 percent to 74 percent.
The proportion of kids who had

a VCR or DVD player in their room rose from 36 percent to 54 percent, while the proportion with cable or satellite TV in their own room grew from 29 percent to 37

For Womack, pop worth leaving behind

After failed crossover venture, C&W traditionalist happily returns to roots

BY MARIO TARRADELL The Dallas Morning News

few years ago, country traditionalist Lee Ann Womack dolled up and nose for Matthew Rolston, a fashion photographer known for his shots of stars such as Cyndi Lau per and Jennifer Lopez. The glamorous picture became the cover of Womack's 2002 album. of Womack's 2002 album, "Some-thing Worth Leaving Behind." That cover telegraphed a clear change: Lee Ann Womack was

going pop.

It didn't go well.

Womack's next big photo session produced a CD cover that could pass for one of Tammy Wynette's early '70s album jackets. A sheer veil covers her soft blond locks, sweet smile and summery halter-top, lending a golden hue. And again, the message couldn't be more plain: 2005's "There's More Where That Came From" would be a traditional country album — twin fiddles. moaning pedal steel guitars and mandolins; stories of cheating, hard lessons and heartbreak.

'When I started making this record, I said I'm gonna have fun, and that's it. I'm not going to worry about does this sound right coming from a woman, or is this too country, or is this intro too long?" says Womack. She's nursing a bowl of oatmeal with butter and brown sugar during a breakfast interview. The Jacksonville, Texas, native was in Dallas for the release of "There's More Where That Came From." "I wanted this record to sound

like where I came from."

Womack is the genre's latest artist to start out traditional, flirt with pop, then hightail it back to country. Her brief detour puts her in good company with icons such as Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton and Loretta Lynn as well as big-selling stars Garth Brooks and LeAnn Rimes.

There's nothing wrong with a little experimentation, of course, as long as you don't lose your ar tistic identity. Nelson pulled it off with 1982's "Always On My



Lee Ann Womack, who made a name for herself in the country world with her hit "I Hope You Dance," says she "didn't have much fun" during her foray into pop music.

Mind" and especially 1978's collection of pop standards, "Stardust." But Parton had trouble staying focused.

While her 1977 pop foray, "Here You Come Again," succeeded by mixing plenty of Dolly's personality with mainstream hooks and melodies, 1988's "Rainbow" bombed because it glossed over her distinctive style

Sometimes confusing die-hard fans leads to sure failure. Brooks became another character, Chris Gaines, for his doomed pop effort, 1999's "In the Life of Chris Gaines." He left millions of admirers scratching their heads, wondering what he was doing. For Rimes, 2002's "Twisted Angel" seemed more a product of her teenage rebellion than

a legitimate change of musical Womack's excursion into pop was sparked by the mammoth success of 2000's "I Hope You Dance," a 3-million-selling CD

that produced the smash title cut. a hit on the coun-try, pop and adult contemporary charts. The album was a thoughtfully conceived blend of

her traditional country base and smoother pop elements. She felt the sti-

fling pressure of following up such a huge record, so she 44 When I started made herself miser able in the studio while recording Something Worth Leaving Behind." She had pop produc-Matt Serletic (Matchbox Twenty) soup up an alter nate version of "Something Worth Leaving Behind, hoping it would enthe mass-appeal of "I Hope You Dance."

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deavor sank. "Some-thing Worth Leaving Behind" peaked at No. 20 on Billboard's country sin-Describing her new CD, gles chart and never crossed over to pop or adult con-

temporary. The album didn't fare much better; it sold barely 300,000 copies, according to Niels en SoundScan.

"I didn't have that much fun making 'Something Worth Leaving Behind," she says before tak-ing a sip of coffee. Womack, dressed in blue jeans and a flowery halter-top with a beige shawl, is refreshingly honest.
"Now that I look back on it, be-

cause of the success that I had prior, I was so worried that I was gonna not measure up to that, that I over-thought everything on that record. I tried ... to please everybody with that record ... my-self, radio, the listeners, every-body who loved 'Never Again, Again' and everybody who loved 'I Hope You Dance,' And it just didn't work. It backfired."

For a while, she wasn't sure she wanted to make another album. It was her label, MCA coaxed her back into the studio.

time, she was determined to please only one person — herself. And the return to coun-

try wo worked More Where That Came From" sold a healthy 83,000 cop ies its first week in stores. The disc's first single, a clas sic cheating ballad titled "I May Hate Myself in the Morning," sits in the Top

try music in its purest form is a rarity these days: characterized by organic musicianship heavy on fiddles and steel guitars; emotional painting everyday subjects as univer-

Traditional coun-

"There's More Where sal truths This Came From" "That's my favorite kind," says Womack. "I mean, it fires me up. Traditional country is the most beautiful thing in the world. And you know I don't sing country music because I'm not capable of singing other kinds of

music. I sing it because I just love People ask her why she likes "sad stuff" so much, she says.
"I have no explanation for why I
can put on 'A Good Year for the

Roses,' crank it up and just ... it does something to me. It makes me happy. I don't understand what's going on there, but it does.

An interstellar success

Career-achievement prizes? Maybe for your ordinary, down-to-earth directors, not interstellar vour

filmmaking over-

"Star Wars" creator George Lucas is receiving a "galactic-achievement award" next week at ShoWest, an annual convention of theater owners in Las Vegas. The honor being

presented March 17 comes two months

before the debut of the final installment in Lucas' sci-fi saga, "Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith," chronicling the transformation of young hero Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) into the dark lord Darth Vader.

"This unique award celebrates the enduring popularity of the 'Star Wars' movies and the enormous impact and influence they have had on audiences and popular culture," Mitch Neuhauser, co-manager of ShoWest, said Tuesday

"Revenge of the Sith" opens in U.S. theaters on May 19.

Actress disputes RNC charges

Actress Rosario Dawson says she will fight disorderly conduct and obstruction charges stemming from her arrest during the Republican National Convention last

Dawson, 25, was arrested filming the movie "This Revolution," along with director Stephen Marshall. Authorities said she was wearing two handkerchiefs on her face with only her eyes showing

A criminal complaint says she refused when ordered by police to move from the 35th Street and Eighth Avenue location,

When Marshall tried to show the city film permit to police, he and Dawson were arrested. Dawson refutes the police department's claim that she refused to move

day denied Dawson's request to dismiss the charges and said her trial would begin next week, The New York Post reported.

ing to the Rhythm" when the Grammy winner headlines the upcoming Tiger Jam

The annual benefit concert sponsored by Tiger Woods is scheduled for May 21 at the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino in Las

"Stevie Wonder is a music legend, and I'm thrilled he's headlining Tiger Jam "Woods said in a statement Tuesday.

"He's very committed to social causes, which makes him a

perfect fit to help raise awareness for the Tiger Woods Learning Center.'

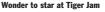
Counting Crows also will perform at the concert, which raises more than \$1 million annually for the Tiger Woods Foundation. SBC Communications

Proceeds from previous concerts have supported a variety of organizations, including the Boys & Girls Club of Las Vegas and the VH1 Save the

Stories and photos from The Associated Press







Stevie Wonder will have Sin City "Danc-

also is a sponsor.

Music Foundation.

YOUR MONEY

Worker ultimatum: Quit smoking or quit job

Company extends no-smoking policy to personal time

BY KRISTEN GERENCHER MarketWatch

SAN FRANCISCO - It was the shot heard around U.S. company water coolers, especially for those who smoke during off

An employer in the business of administering other companies benefits decided to eliminate smokers from its work force by randomly testing them for nicotine in their blood or urine. The zero-tolerance tobacco policy applies to smokers in general, not just those who light up on companv time

Weyco Inc., an employee-bene-fits administrator in Okemos, Mich had been building up to the ultimatum for several years before four employees who opted not to take the smoking test left the company in January, founder and chief executive Howard Weyers said.

In early 2003, Weyco quit hiring tobacco users and by fall had forbidden the staff from smoking on the premises

Starting in 2004, the firm added a tobacco "assessment" of \$50 a month per worker who smoked and didn't go to a cessation class

Weyco had given its employees a 15-month advance notice that



John Carr, left, of Miami Beach, Fla., smokes a cigarette outside a restaurant bar in Providence, R.I., March 1. Rhode Island became the seventh state in the nation Tuesday to ban smoking in virtually all indoor public places. A Michigan company went a step further, prohibiting employees from smoking even off the clock.

those who still smoked on or off the company's watch by January 2005 would be terminated. Wev-

About 20 of Weyco's 200 workers kicked the habit, and four quit before the company's mandatory testing began in January, he said.

The justification: The desire to contain rising health care costs and prepare people for the higher burden they face in the emerging consumer-driven health plans, Wevers said.

really entering a slippery slope, said Kary Moss, director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, which supports smoking regulations at the workplace but not those that extend be-"This isn't an issue about smok-

ing," Moss said. "This is an issue about private employers being able to punish employees for their legal, non-work-related activities

Nancy Richard-Stower, a member of the National Employment Lawvers Association and a civil-rights and employment-law attorney in Merrimack, N.H., said she doesn't believe Weyers is acting in his workers' best interests.

"If that employer really cared about his employees, he wouldn't be taking away the mortgage payment of those people unable to break their addiction," she said. "They may be responsible for smoking, but they're not responsible for their addiction."

Tobacco is an easy target since it's a serious health concern, but Weyco's action threatens to roll back workers' rights. Richard-Stower said.

"If we let employers make health-care costs the determining factor of whether or not you'll be a successful applicant, we'll be going back to the days where parents of children with cancer were not hired for fear of the costs."

"Next week it will be 'What's your bad cholesterol? What's your family health history? Genetic code?' All these invasions of privacy are just over the horizon if people don't speak out against this kind of employer snooping."

Moss questioned the trajectory of such a policy as well.

"Childbirth carries health-care risks. Sitting in the sun carries health care risks. Lots of employees have inherited gene traits that give them a higher propensity for certain diseases. Where does this

EXCHANGE RATES

South Korean won (March 10)	977.
Euro costs (March 10)	\$1.37
Dollar buys (March 10)	€0.72
British pound (March 10)	S1.5
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3
British pound	\$1.92
Canada (Dollar)	1.20
Denmark (Krone)	5.54
Egypt (Pound)	5.7
Eŭro\$1	.34/0.74
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.79
Hungary (Forint)	180
Iceland (Krona)	59.1
Israel (Shekel)	4.29
Japan (Yen)	103
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.29
Norway (Krone)	6.11
Philippines (Peso)	54.
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.75
Singapore (Dollar)	1.61
South Korea (Won)	1.004
Switzerland (Franc)	1.15
Thailand (Baht)	38.

PRECIOUS METALS

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate5.50
Discount rate3.50
Federal funds market rate2.50
3-month bill2.76
30-year bond4.83
Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of

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"We want to help our employ-

ees to handle the risk of a high-de-ductible plan," he said. "They can

do that by managing their health

Weyco's controversial move

pits employers' rights against those of employees and may pave

the way for other private compa-

nies to invoke their own potentially discriminatory tactics in the

bid to lower rapidly ballooning

health care costs, legal experts

What's more, Weyco's policy

may open the door for employers to make employment more diffi-

cult to obtain for obese people or

those with genetic predisposi-

"When an employer tries to deal with health care costs by se-

lecting or promoting employees

based on their non-work-related

tions for diseases, some warn.

Starting April 1, foreign currency transaction fees will be reported separately on Bank of America government travel card account statements, according to a U.S. Army Japan finance official

Bank of America charges a 1 percent conversion rate when a government travel card is used to make a purchase in a non-U.S. currency, said Myron Bettencourt, coordinator, U.S. Army Japan government travel charge card program. Those fees were not disclosed separately on account statements. But due to recent class-action lawsuits filed in the United States accusing several banks and credit card companies of overcharging customers for conversion fees, all such fees now are reported as added costs, Bettencourt said.

The currency conversion fees still are reimbursable government travel expenses, he said.

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363.82	259.08	Dow Jones Utilities	353.97	-6.83	-1.89	+5.68	+2
7,455.08	6,211.33	NYSE Composite	7,354.74	-71.43	96	+1.44	+1
1,539.14	1,150.74	Amex Index	1,500.79	-29.11	-1.90	+4.63	+2
2,191.60	1,750.82	Nasdaq Composite	2,061.29	-12.26	59	-5.25	+
1,229.11	1,060.72	S&P 500	1,207.01	-12.42	-1.02	41	+
683.36	548.29	S&P MidCap	669.73	-7.31	-1.08	+.97	+1
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Wednesday's Market Summary

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Elan	480344	7.88	+.75	SP Engy	154031	43.33	-1.23	JDS Unigh	765764	1.95	05
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Boeing	1.00	25	57.75	40	+11.6
Computer Sciences		14	44.40	- 75	-21.2
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General Dynamics	1.60	18	108,66	27	+3.9
General Flectric	.88	22	35.74	32	-2.1
Halliburton	.50		42.13	-1.29	+7.4
Harris Corp.	.48	29	67.86	+.17	+9.8
Allied Signal	.83	23	38.12	60	+7.7
L-3 Communications	.50	22	75.82	79	+3.5
Lockheed Martin	1.00	21	60.54	+.11	+9.0
NorthroG s	.92	18	54.25	70	2
Raytheon	.80	42	39.00	-	+.4
Rockwell Intl.	.66	23	59.96	-1.17	+21.0
Segua Corp.	-	32	52.96	-2.14	-13.4
Texas Instruments	.10	25	26,64	+.30	+8.2
Textron Inc.	1.40	30	77.68	-1.49	+5.3
United Technologies	1.76	18	100.54	-1.72	-2.7

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- 7:00 Kanagawa Housewives' Volleyball Tour-nament (42)
- 1:30 E.R. VIII (1) 2:20 Auto Racing: IRL 1st Round (4)
- 2:10 U.S. Movie (2001): A Knight's Tale (2:05)(10)
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- 5:40 X-Games 2004
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- 7:00 Soccer J1 League: JEF United Chiba vs. Kashiwa Reysol

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- 4:10 What's On Japan 5:10 X-Games 2004

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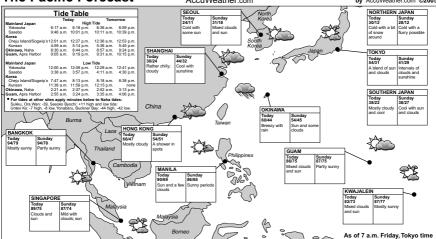
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Extended Forecasts

Monday: Partly sunny, high 44, low 36. Tuesday: Partly sunny, high 51, low 44.

KADENA

Monday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 57, low 53. Tuesday: Partly sunny high 68, low 61.

SEOUL

Monday: Sunny high 42, low 27 Tuesday: Showers, high 46, low 34.

MANILA

Monday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 67. Tuesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 87, low 68.

HAGATNA

Monday: Thunderstorms, high 85, low 73. Tuesday: Thunderstorms, high 85, low 77.

Thursday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	69/38	Los Angeles	76/58
Amarillo	65/35	Little Rock	63/40
Anchorage	44/36	Louisville	45/34
Asheville	49/30	Miami	71/53
Baltimore	40/28	Milwaukee	31/25
Birmingham	54/41	Nashville	51/37
Bismarck	43/25	New York	34/29
Boise	68/40	Omaha	57/27
Boston	30/24	Orlando	68/46
Brownsville	80/57	Philadelphia	37/28
Buffalo	27/22	Phoenix	87/60
Burlington	24/14	Pittsburgh	30/24
Charleston, St	C 60/41	Portland, OR	70/46
Charlotte	55/36	Portland, ME	29/11
Cleveland	29/26	Salt Lake City	60/36
Columbus, OF	36/28	St. Louis	54/30
Duluth	31/15	San Antonio	80/51
El Paso	76/43	San Diego	69/58
Hartford	31/17	San Juan	91/72
Helena	61/31	Tampa	68/50
Indianapolis	38/29	Tulsa	67/37
Jacksonville	65/42	Washington, D	
Kansas City	61/28	Wichita	65/34



U.S. Extended Forecast

A cold front dropping southward Saturday will begin to break down the ridge of high pressure that has been providing much of the West with sun-shine and mild air. Temperatures across the Northwest will be noticeably cooler as a few rain and snow showers occur. Farther south, warm air will persist while the ridge remains overhead; however, temperatures will undergo a cooling trend Sunday and Monday as the ridge continues to break down. On the contrary, a chilly air mass will remain over the Great Lakes and Northeast Saturday. A storm system will deliver more snow to New England, and flurries will occur over the Great Lakes

Saturday's Pacific Temperatures

Saturday's World Temperatures

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Beijing	36/24	Kadena AB	60/44	Sapporo	30/12	Athens	55/38	Buenos Aires	77/61	Kiev	36/34	New Delhi	84/57
Camp Casey	25/11	Kunsan AB	28/14	Seoul	24/11	Auckland	66/54	Cairo	71/42	Kuwait	66/43	Oslo	29/17
Christchurch	61/47	Kwajalein	82/73	Shanghai	38/24	Baghdad	70/46	Cancun	78/64	London	46/34	Paris	48/36
Diego Garcia	88/78	Manila	90/69	Singapore	89/75	Barbados	90/70	Cape Town	81/61	Madrid	55/43	Rio de Janeiro	84/72
Hagatna	86/75	Misawa AB	40/16	Sydney	82/65	Barcelona	56/44	Geneva	40/31	Mexico City	73/50	Rome	54/44
Hanoi	80/55	Osan	27/12	Taegu	33/15	Berlin	35/22	Istanbul	42/33	Montreal	32/15	St. Petersburg	10/-3
Hong Kong	66/47	Perth	89/68	Taipei	55/38	Bermuda	68/53	Jerusalem	52/41	Mogadishu	89/75	Stockholm	29/19
Honolulu	80/66	Pusan	32/17	Tokyo	54/31	Brussels	42/24	Johannesbur	71/51	Moscow	14/10	Warsaw	37/32



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Sin tax proposed

MO JEFFERSON CITY - In the eyes of one Missouri legislator, the Show-Me State needs to tone down its image - as far as the adult entertain. ment industry is concerned. "Travelers in our state

are being sent a signal that Missouri is a porn-friendly state, said State Sen. Matt Bartle. To combat that, Bartle has sponsored a mea-

sure for a sin tax.

The proposal cleared the state Senate with little debate. The legislation needs another vote to move to the House

Under the bill, tipping strippers would be illegal, as would any phys-ical contact between exotic dancers and their customers. Total nudity would be banned, and no one under 21 could work in such busi

The legislation also would impose a \$5 per customer charge for sexually oriented businesses, from strip clubs to adult bookstores, and a 20 percent tax on revenues. The provisions are similar to what casi nos in the state already must pay.

Bartle, a Republican, said the restrictions and taxes are necessary to combat problems such as prosti tution, juvenile delinquency and declining property values.

High school to be closed

WASHINGTON — Car-dozo High School will be closed again because of the third mercury spill since Feb. 23. Cardozo students will be bused to the University of the District of Columbia to attend classes. The most recent mercury spill turned up last weekend. Officials said cleaning up the latest spill will take between three and five days.

Employees to get bonuses

ME FREEPORT — About 4,700 L.L. Bean employees will receive bonuses totaling 12.5 percent of their annual base salaries after the company announced record sales of \$1.4 billion for fiscal 2004. An additional 5,600 sea-sonal workers will get \$150 bonus-

The privately held Bean said sales increased 9 percent from

Shark kills tank mate

CA MONTEREY — Th Monterey Aquarium's popu lar great white shark is now a killer, having taken down one of its Outer Bay tank-mates two weeks ago and inflicting a 5-inch gash in the tail of another soupfin shark

But aquarium officials believe the 88-pound, well-fed white shark wasn't hunting its neighbors only reflexively chomping when it was startled by an accidental collision with the slower-swimming sharks.

There are no plans to move the female great white, although officials may relocate two remaining soupfin sharks to avoid potential clashes in the million-gallon tank.
"The white shark and the soup-

fins are tending to sort of run into one another," said Randy Kochevar, science communication manager for the aquarium. "You have two animals trying to occupy the same space with some unfortunate consequences."

The newest attack and the death

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

of a similar shark Feb. 23 - which was found with a two-foot chunk of its tail missing — occurred before the aquarium opened for visitors. whose numbers have jumped 30 percent since the great white shark arrived in September after it was accidentally netted by fisherman in Southern California

Toddler survives alone

TX HOUSTON — A 2-year-old boy survived for up to two days on pancake syrup and onions after his caretaker died in their home, police said.

The boy was found after a relative of Gladie Mae Johnson, 64, became concerned because she hadn't heard from her.

When the relative knocked on the door of Johnson's home, she heard knocking back from inside. She entered through an unlocked back door and found the boy and

Johnson's body.

Johnson was last seen alive on Friday, Houston Police Department Sgt. Paul Motard said. She apparently died of natural causes.

Investigators found an open and nearly empty container of pancake syrup on the floor. Some onions also were found lying near Johnson's body.

Johnson was a friend of the boy's family and had been caring for him since last year, when his mother went to prison, Child Protective Services spokeswoman Estella Olguin said.

Manatees found dead

NAPLES — At least 16 West Indian manatees have died in southwest Florida, apparently from a red tide outbreak that's



Disappearing act Vehicles cross the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco in fog.

drifted offshore for several weeks.

So far, this episode hasn't escalated to the level of major red tide mortality events in recent years. During a particularly bad outbreak in 1996, more than 150 manatees died from the toxic bloom.

The year 2003 saw nearly 100 mortalities that were blamed on red tide.

State biologist Andy Garrett, however, said this latest event looks familiar.

"The pace we're on right now would be on pace with some of the bigger events," Garrett said. "Having several animals picked up over the course of a few days is similar to the bigger events.

Red tide is a naturally occurring toxin that's fed by nutrients.

Large blooms occur regularly off the southwest Florida coast and can cause widespread deaths of marine creatures and respiratory problems in humans.

Garrett said the number of calls from boaters reporting dead manatees has ebbed since the weekend. Rainy and chilly weather probably kept many boaters off the water lately, Garrett said.

Red tide typically forms offshore and gets tossed around the Gulf of Mexico by currents and steering winds. Winter winds typically prevail from the east. Onshore breezes and winter fronts, however, can send the toxic outbreaks inshore.

Gorilla dies at Erie

ERIE - A gorilla believed to be the longest living of its kind in captivity has died of old age. He was 49.

Rudy died in his sleep at the Erie Zoo, said zoo spokesman Scott Mitchell

Captive gorillas can begin to have health problems in their late 20s to early 30s, Mitchell said. Rudy's appetite had been declining recently, he said.

Rudy was captured in Africa as a baby. He arrived at the Erie Zoo in 1987 after living at zoos in St. Louis, Los Angeles and Cleveland.

Rudy was believed by the International Species Information System, which keeps records on captive animals, to be the oldest captive lowland gorilla in the world.

Deputy suspended

MN BEMIDJI — An off-duty sheriff's deputy who used a cell phone to make audiovisual recordings of three men having sex with an 18-year-old woman at a party will be suspended for two weeks without pay and reassigned, an official said An investigation of the Sept. 19

incident found that Beltrami County deputy Jeffrey Andersen engaged in "conduct unbecoming an officer," Sheriff Keith Winger said. Three men were charged with

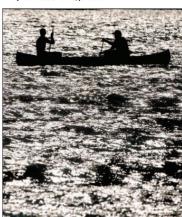
felony criminal sexual conduct after the woman told police that they gang-raped her. She said one of them gave her a drink that rendered her semiconscious

Andersen, 25, was suspended with pay after he admitted using a cell phone to record the incident. A special prosecutor dismissed

the rape charges in December, saving that there wasn't evidence of a date-rape drug. The same prosecutor declined to bring charges against Andersen, saying his conduct couldn't be proven criminal.



White-out results in pileup A white-out created by caused a multi-vehicle pileup on U.S. 131 near Grand Rapids, Mich. A sudden snow squall caused a series of chain-reaction accidents involving 85 to 90 vehicles on a western Michigan highway that killed one motorist and injured at least 34 others, nolice said



Patrick Allred, left, and Jim Bell paddle Taking a break their canoe across Kirby Lake in Abilene, Texas. The two high school juniors were enjoying the sunshine during their spring break



All the world's a snowflake

Mike Whitney, 19, of Auburn, Maine, walks past a sno design on the front of a downtown business in Lewiston. Main



Sightseers walk through a field of wild-A blanket of gold flowers in Death Valley National Park in Death Valley, Calif. Heavy winter rains have led to an explosion of wildflow ers throughout the usually barren landscape.



Willing to work Jim White, left, and Andrew Boney carry snow shovels while walking along Route 229 in Bristol, Conn. They were looking for a way to make a few bucks off the snow storm



Workers look over the scene of a derailment in Industry, Calif. The freight train de-What a mess! WHAT A IHESS! railed spilling a combustible liquid and prompting the evacuation of 11 businesses from a nearby strip mall, authorities said. No injuries were reported.

Tread gives up crooks

AR FORT SMITH — Police in Fort Smith got to the bottom of a burglary at city offices by peering into the criminal sole.

Apparently, footprints left by the burglars came from shoes popular with skateboarders. Officers discovered that only one store in Fort Smith sold the shoes, and the shoe with the unique tread was sold to only a handful of customers.

That led police to Christopher Calvin and Eric Skelton, both 23.

The men were arrested last week on suspicion of commercial burglary and theft of property. The duo work together at a mall restaurant near the store that sold the shoes.

City officials said about \$3,000 worth of computers and other equipment was taken.

According to authorities, the burglars apparently climbed atop a vacant building, worked their way to the ledge along the third floor of another building that housed city offices and entered through an unlocked window

First female president

NEW ORLEANS — Marvalene Hughes has been chosen as Dillard University's first woman president. She will officially begin July 1 as the ninth president of Dillard, a private, predominantly black school associated with the United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ. Hughes has been president at California State University' Stanislaus campus since 1994.

License-revoking review

MN ST. PAUL — The Minneso-ta Supreme Court is considering the constitutionality of a law allowing authorities to revoke the driver's licenses of people suspected of driving drunk.

The implied consent law allows license revocation before a judge hears the case. More than 30,000 people a year lose their licenses in Minnesota because of suspected drunk driving.

Boater rescued safely

AUSTIN — A boater got the ride of his life when he fell overboard and was swept through a floodgate of a dam.

Authorities said the man and a female companion were boating on Lake Austin when the boat's motor guit and the current carried the boat up against the Tom Miller Dam

A security guard aton the dam threw a rope to the woman and guided her to a rescue boat, but Dirk Hoekstra fell into the water.

"A second later is when my feet got sucked in by the water gate and that's when I went through," Hoekstra told CNN.

He said he managed to take a good breath before he went under "It was twisting me around like a rag doll and threw my arms all over the place and it just keeps flip-

ping me from whirlpool to whirl-pool," Hoekstra said. He said he surfaced a quarter- to a half-mile downstream from the dam, made his way to a house on shore and called 911.

Father shoots daughter

VA VIRGINIA BEACH — A father was charged with acci-

dentally shooting his 2-year-old daughter while playing with a gun, police said.

Jered Dean Grisham, 23, was arrested and charged with felony child endangerment and reckless handling of a firearm, said Rene Ball, a police spokeswoman.

Police believe Grisham was sninning the gun on his finger when it went off, grazing his daughter's legs. She was treated at a hospital and released.

Grisham is being held in jail without bond

School looks into speech

CO PUEBLO — Officials at Colorado State Universi-ty-Pueblo are investigating a student's complaint that a professor called Mexicans "lazy and bitter" during a classroom tirade against illegal immigrants.

Two students claimed tenured anthropology professor Dan Forsyth made the comment in a speech March 3, The Pueblo Chieftain reported.

According to the students. Forsyth allegedly said illegal immigrants and Mexicans have filled up U.S. prisons and "raped the sys-tem," the paper reported.

Forsyth denied the allegations, saying he only reminded students after class about a campus appearance by Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., an outspoken advocate for tighter immigration controls.

City eyes cable car fares

CA SAN FRANCISCO — A ride on a historic cable car is considered a must-do for tourists visiting the City by the Bay, like a tour of Alcatraz prison or a walk across the Golden Gate Bridge. But the ride could soon cost them a couple extra bucks.

The board that oversees city transportation voted last week to raise the price of a cable car ride from \$3 to \$5, reasoning that tourists use cable cars far more than residents. The fare for buses, which many residents ride, would

go up only a quarter. The proposal must still be approved by Mayor Gavin Newsom. who wants to find another way to raise funds, and the Board of Su-

pervisors. The cable cars "shouldn't be a way for us to make money, but part of the allure and charm of the city," Newsom said.

No Sunday car sales

ME AUGUSTA — A bill that would allow Maine car dealers to sell vehicles on Sundays is dead for this session

The Legislature's Business, Research and Economic Development Committee sent word to the House that it voted unanimously to kill the bill.

Rep. Nancy Smith, D-Monmouth, a committee co-chair, said dealers didn't support the idea and consumers expressed a desire to have one day a week to car shop without having salesmen around.

It is now illegal for dealers to sell cars, trucks or motorcycles on Sunday.

The only person to testify in favor of the bill was its sponsor, Rep. Kenneth Lindell, R-Frankfort, who said he wanted to reduce state regulation over business and give families an option to car shop on Sunday.

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Army limits iob options

As I read "The sting of being overlooked" (article, Feb. 26), I realized how many contractors are working here in the Middle East.

Hundreds of contractors have "volunteered" to take on the task the military has taken away from troops. Makes me wonder if we really do have a second Army.

These contractors who come in put their lives on the line willingly, but are paid handsomely. I am not saying they do not deserve a special memorial. They are working for the government and are, without a doubt, doing a great job

I guess my beef is not with the contractors, but with the military itself. Many jobs are now going to civilian employment. How do you expect recruiting levels to go up when the only occupations left are all in fantry?

The reason the Army had a rising number in recruiting for years was the vast amount of jobs available. It made it easier for someone to pick up a skill and use it when they were done with their military career.

Now they are taking that privilege away. What does a \$15,000 re-enlistment bonus mean to me when I can make \$130,000 a year working as a contractor overseas? I am going overseas no matter what. Why don't I do it willingly and make some cash? I think the government needs to rethink what it is doing.

My heart goes out to Roberta Stramiello, and the many other families who have lost loved ones in this war. This is not to bash contractors. It is to wake up the government. Life is too precious to take for grant-

> Sgt. Jason Reyes Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

Deserving GIs not rewarded

What does a soldier have to do to receive an award that is well-deserved around here?

Nowhere in regulations can I find where rank is a factor in the awards process. The last time I checked, it wasn't the

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senior enlisted and officers doing all the work around here. I'm not taking credit away from what they do, but I believe that the soldier (lower enlisted) is what keeps this Army going. So why are their actions in combat and the awards they receive so frequently overlooked or downgraded?

Meanwhile, the pressures of re-enlistment are so frequently stressed. Why would a soldier want to stay in a branch of military service that doesn't give credit where credit is due? How, as leaders, are we supposed to sit back and watch our soldiers get passed over for meritorious actions and slam them for having their hands in their pockets? It seems to me that achievement is frequently overlooked while the slightest mistake is not.

I might sound like a disgruntled employee but, trust me, I am not. I am just saying what few have the intestinal fortitude to. I have watched soldiers in my task force get overlooked for very courageous actions while forward operating base dwellers go back to the States looking like war heroes. All the while, if we

have problems meeting set standards, we lower those standards to keep the num-

Can someone tell me how this is supposed to work?

Sgt. Justin Chestnut

Female GIs, complete the look

Does wearing a uniform mean that a female is less than a woman

There are many professions where women have to wear uniforms, such as the military, police force, fire department, some construction sites, the postal and medical fields, and the list goes on. However, because these women wear uniforms, does that make them less of woman? The answer is no.

Therefore, why is it that many of our U.S. Army female soldiers, compared with all the other branches of services, have to look so beat down?

Females, take pride in your appearance. We understand that, because of your line of work, many of you may not see the need to spend much time in front of a mirror. However, make time, even if you have to sacrifice getting up five or 10 minutes earlier. You deserve that time. A woman - regardless if she's heterosexual, homosexual or bisevual - who takes time out for herself feels better about herself — and it will

Regardless of what others may say differently about her, she can still walk with her head held high. She doesn't need anyone to validate her, because she knows who she is, and, no question about it, she

knows where she's going. So, to my female soldiers, take a stand, let your God-given beauty shine, because you are Mother Earth and you are beauti-

> Sgt. Yolanda Jones Taii. Iraa

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Correction

In the March 8 edition, the writer of the letter " 'Close But no Cigars' badge," 1st Sgt. Robert C. Dedic, was listed as writing from Kuwait. He is, in fact, serving in Baghdad.

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Mallard Fillmore







By BRUCE TINSLEY

Looking at the news

A weekly sampling of U.S. editorial cartoons











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J Horoscope

The position of Mars indicates a flare of fireworks between people who are normally in agreement. The - who has issue is power -

it, really? The roles we choose in life come with both limitations and perks Suddenly the nerks may not seem to balance with the limitations, and adjustments are indicated. Don't rush to conclusions.

TODAY'S RIPTHDAY (March 12). You guickly learn how to attract all you need. Financial success comes from wheeling dealing and putting yourself

out there. April marks the beginning of life minus a bad habit. Education al and civic pursuits connect you with friendships and romance this summer. June brings a change of location. Love signs are Sagittarius and Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Smart thinking rules your day. You're so resourceful that you find uses for things you never thought you would use - like the Christmas present you received that just wasn't you or the phone number of your ex

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The theme is: the kindness of strang

ers. You'll be the benefactor and the recipient of such considerations. And you'll feel a special kinship with that person who is full of intriguing ideas - you could use more of this influence

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Issues of equality arise between loved ones. You'll be feeling out the balance of power and realizing its delicacy. Is there nobility in loving someone who depends on you and sorely needs your love?

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Your artistic side emerges as the hero of the day - others are honored by your grand portrayal of them through your art. Don't underestimate the value of silliness. Singles have hot dates tonight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You feel a little bit naughty. The day plays out like a spicy game of Truth or Dare. Aquarius and Gemini are

your allies. You'll be ecstatic with financial arrangements that involve a Scornio

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're mindful of other people's

feelings, but issues arise that even

you are not sure how to tactfully approach. Focus on you - find your inner peace. The answer is blowing in the breeze.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The stars

line up to enforce the belief that it's good to be you Just sit down and count the ways! The realization helps you complete your daily tasks with a flourish, as if to

say, "Ain't life grand?"

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're the truth teller. You may need to point out the obvious to an oblivious individual, but this move will eventually make your life easier Passing the blame, however, would only make you look bad.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). There's genius in imperfection. Something broken gives you a fantastic idea or produces a fortuitous meeting that wouldn't have happened otherwise. Some of you will receive start-up cash for your

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). When diplomacy is needed. vou're as smooth as Bill Clinton. If you're single: A beautiful stranger adds spice to your life. If in a couple: Your strength is your ability to form your opinion instead of echoing a partner's views.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Depend on intuition where your affections are concerned. Get over a fear of being the "bad guy" and having a difficult conversation avoiding that conversation only makes you the "bad guy."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). An undecided issue could have you

walking around in the daze of a quandary. Getting more opinions only confuses the matter. Don't worry: You cannot make a mistake and miss your fate. This fate is inextricably bound to you.

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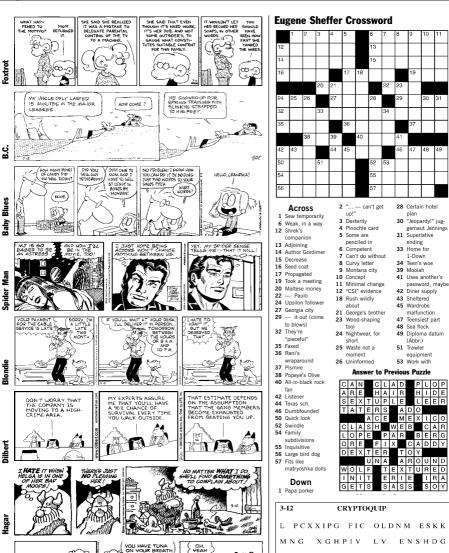












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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN YOU DECIDE TO PURCHASE YOUR OWN HORSE, YOU WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO PONY UP.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals B

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And then they embraced

'Other woman' upset over rejection JUMBLE

Dear Abby: I am an independent VIP escort — 48 years old, although I look 10 years younger than my age. I have grown kids who don't know what I do

One of my clients, a married doctor, was very kind to me. He confided that he and his wife hadn't made love in 10 years and were only living parallel lives. We enjoyed each other so much we started having dinner dates. When I told him I wanted to get out of the business, he of-

fered to help He leased a beautiful apartment for me not far from his office and gave me a small job I could do from home until I found work. I then saw him exclusively. We discussed marriage, and I never really looked for work, assuming that we

would be together. After four months, I convinced him to call his wife and tell her about our relationship, figuring she would be so angry she'd

Dear Annie: Two

years ago, my husband

passed away very sudden

ly at the age of 38. While

he was in the hospital

his family verbally at-

where he should be bur

should be with them, in his hometown, 2,500

miles away from me and

our three young children. I decided to have him

cremated and planned to

give his parents some of his

ashes. Later, however, I thought

it would be too confusing for our

children, having Daddy in two

different states, so ultimately, I

ashes when the children are

older

kept his ashes with us. I figured 1 would reconsider sharing his

My husband's family was so

upset, they left before the funeral

tacked me regarding

ied. They thought he

won't support me anymore and won't see me, either. They are in counseling! I want to contact him. I know he wants me because we were so good together. But I'm afraid of rejection. What should I do

 Castaway in Paterson, N.J. Dear Castaway: I have a short "to-do" list

for you Wake up and smell the coffee. The doctor has made his choice.

and it's not you. 2. Find a legitimate ioh so vou won't have to hide from your kids, because, sister, you're on your own.

Dear Abby: All of

my friends have a special pet that sticks to them like glue. I'm talking about a "waiting-at-the-door-until-they-get-home-fro

I have two dogs and two cats. Buttons and Bamboo are my two

Buttons likes my grandfather.

Bamboo likes my mom, and my cats can't come inside.

I asked my parents if I could have another pet, a pet of my own that would stick only by MY side. They looked at each other and said, "OK, if you get rid of the ones you have." But I love all of them, Abby. I can't bear to give any of them away. What should I do?

- Lonely Girl in Fort Smith Dear Lonely Girl: Instead of getting vet another pet, it's time for you to take a more active part in the lives of the ones you al-ready have. Make it your iob to feed them. When you return from school, make some special time to take the dogs out, exercise them and play with them.

Once it becomes routine they'll look forward to their spe cial time with you and be excited when you get home.

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one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.





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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Yesterday's

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"A real one, or just somebody wearing a funny suit and a painted face?"

Dear Abby

m-school" kind of pet

Annie's Mailbox

dogs, and Jasmine and Midnight

Allow family to get past grief

us when we really needed their support. I know everyone rieves differently, but I am having a hard time understanding how my in-laws could cut their grandchildren out of their lives. They still acknowledge spe-cial occasions, and we are very appreciative,

too. They abandoned

but that's it - Wailing Widow

Dear Widow: Try to understand this from your in-laws' point of view and imagine the devastation f losing a child. The fact that their son was an adult does not diminish the pain and grief. We don't expect you to forget, but please forgive them for their un-

kind words. They are still hurting Maintain whatever contact is comfortable. Send occasional photographs of the children, per haps with a short note letting them know how the kids are doing. We hope, with the passage of time, that the wounds will heal and they will become closer

Dear Annie: Could you

please print this, so the movie and television industry will consider putting closed captioning on all of their productions? There are many, many people who are hearing impaired. Going to a movie theater is no pleasure when we have no idea what people are saying. I know they play the sound very loud, but that doesn't help because the background noise

overwhelms the dialogue Those TV programs that have captioning are truly appreciated, and I don't bother tuning in to those that don't. Help me get this message across.

- Wisconsin Reader Dear Wisconsin: As the Boomers age, hearing loss will become more common. It would be sensible for the industry to pay close attention to your letter. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndi-cate, 5777 W. Century Blwd., Sulte 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

service without saying goodbye. We didn't hear from any of them until his mom called months later, saving mean and hurtful things. I feel so sad for our children They not only lost their father,



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Congress subpoenas 7 baseball players

BY HOWARD FENDRICH The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Major League Base ball might be convinced that its new, get-tough policy is enough to rid the sport of steroids

Congress, apparently, is not

Less than two months after baseball and its players hailed the banned-substances plan - and just a week after testing began at spring training — a House committee called in a handful of the sport's biggest stars to explain themselves, including Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.

Baseball balked at the subpoenas issued Wednesday for a total of seven players to testify at the March 17 hearing of the House Government Reform Committee and vowed to take the fight to court, if necessary. The committee also demanded a variety of documents and records of base ball's drug tests.

Stanley Brand, a lawyer for the baseball commissioner's office, said the committee had no jurisdiction, was trying to violate baseball's first amendment privacy rights, and was attempting to "satisfy their prurient interest into who may and may not have engaged in this activity

Reacting to Brand's comments, commit-tee spokesman David Marin said: "Mr. Brand has his facts wrong. He failed to rec ognize that House rules give this committee the authority to investigate any matter at any time, and we are authorized to request or compel testimony and document production related to any investigation. "It's a shame that Major League Base-

Panel chair calls for all U.S. sports to adopt a single drug-testing plan

ball has resorted to hiding behind 'legalese' - and inaccurate 'legalese' at

that On Thursday, the chairman of a House panel said that all major U.S. sports leagues should work toward a single test-

"Our elite athletic organizations, both professional and amateur, should establish uniform, world-class, drug-testing standards that are as consistent and robust as our criminal laws in this area," said Rep Cliff Stearns, R-Fla.. "Nothing less should be tolerated.

Stearns' comments came at the opening of a hearing of the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee he chairs. Labor lawers from Major League Baseball and the National Football League were to testify The other players subpoenaed to appear

next week were Jose Canseco - who recently published a book outlining allega tions of steroid use by McGwire and others

— Jason Giambi, Curt Schilling, Rafael

Palmeiro and Frank Thomas. Also called were players' association head Donald baseball executive vice presidents Rob Manfred and Sandy Alderson, and San Diego Padres general manager Kevin Towto testify, with Manfred appearing on be-half of commissioner Bud Selig. Before the subpoenas were issued. Brand told the committee the other players were declining invitations to appear.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the earing will take place as scheduled.

Under pressure from Congress and under the shadow of a grand jury investigation into an alleged steroid-distribution ring, Major League Baseball and its players' association agreed in January to a tougher steroid-testing program. The agreement will suspend first-time offenders for 10 days and randomly test players vear-round.

Ownership and the union patted themselves on the back when the deal was struck, with Fehr saying at the time: "I will be surprised if over time this doesn't take care of the problem virtually completely

Even Sen. John McCain, who had threatened baseball with legislation if it didn't strengthen its drug policy, sounded satis-fied back in January: "It appears to be a significant breakthrough

On Saturday, Selig announced that the number of positive tests for steroids in baseball dropped to between 1 to 2 percent last season

"I am very confident that we will effec-

tively rid our sport of steroids in this coming season," he said.

But committee chairman Rep. Tom

Davis and ranking Democrat Rep. Henry Waxman said in a statement Wednesday that "we need to better understand the steps MLB is taking to get a handle on the steroid issue, and whether news of those - and the public health danger posed by steroid use — is reaching America's youth.

Stearns' House Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection subcommittee also was scheduled to hear from Donald Hooton of Plano, Texas, whose son was a steroid user and committed suicide, and Ralph Hale, chairman of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which oversees drug testing for Olympic sports.

Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman, Joe Barton, R-Texas, said this could be the first of a series of hearings on the issue and that at some point subpoenas might be issued for commissioners of the major sports leagues. The time has come to put an end to this

mess and reclaim sports as competition, he said.

Barton said use of performance-enhancing drugs is tainting sports and its stars, noting that as San Francisco Giants star Barry Bonds pursues the career home run record there are questions about whether he has been aided by steroids.

"With Babe Ruth, people didn't worry about him taking steroids. They worried him eating another hot dog," Barton said. Associated Press Writer Larry Margasak in Wash-ington and AP Sports Writer Ronald Blum in New York contributed to this report.

Bonds tests knee in outfield for first time this spring

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. - Barry Bonds' swing looks ready to be tested in an exhibition game. The status of his recovering right knee remains uncertain

Bonds took batting practice for the third straight day Wednesday and also shagged flyballs in left field for the first time all spring, a sign that he's progressing in his rehabilitation from arthroscopic knee surgery on Jan. 31.

The San Francisco slugger had four turns in the batter's box at Scottsdale Stadium before the rest of the Giants headed to Phoenix to play the Oak-

land Athletics With hitting coach Joe Lefebvre looking on, Bonds hit four home runs, all to right field or right-center. One hit a tree.

"It's like Ted Williams used to hit," manager Felipe Alou said. "He picks up the bat, hits line drives and puts the ball over the

fence. He's still favoring his knee

a bit, but the timing is there. In left field, he shagged balls

for about five minutes, even making a behind-the-back catch. The 40-year-old Bonds expects to be ready for opening day April 5 against the Los Angeles Dodgers. At Mesa, Ariz., rather than risk-

ing serious injury, Kerry Wood figured it was safer to cut short his start after experiencing tightness in his shoulder. Wood felt tightness during the second inning of the Chicago Cubs' 6-5 loss to the Texas Rangers, but finished the inning. He stopped while warming up for the third and walked off the field after talking with a trainer. He called his exit from the game "precautionary

"The inning before, I felt tight-ness in the shoulder," Wood said. Everything felt great. I came in and sat down, and everything felt great. It was just a little bit of tightness, and it's too early to be messing around with anything right now. We thought it would be

best to shut it down for the day. Wood missed the entire 1999 eason after undergoing Tommy John surgery and he was out for

two months last year with tendini-

tis in his right triceps At Sarasota, Fla., the Cincinnati Reds announced center fielder Ken Griffey Jr. will play Thursday for the first time this spring after taking a slow approach to his rehabilitation from a torn hamstring. The Reds plan to use Griffey as a designated hitter in their home game against Detroit after receiving permission from the league and the Tigers. He also has permission to be the DH in Cincinnati's next three home games.

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Sunday

AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.-College basketball: ESPN College GameDay. AFN-Sports, AFN radio Korea, 1:30 a.m.-Col-lege basketball: Conference USA Tourna-ment championship, teams to be deter-mined at FedEx Forum, Memphis, Tenn. AFN-Pacific Korea, 1:30 a.m.-College bas-ketball: America East Conference Tourna-ment championship, teams to be determined at Patrick Gymnasium, Burlington, Vt.

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World Cup overall standings

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COLLEGE

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nen's basketball coach, to a three-year conract extension.

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TANK MCNAMARA







Ahappy return for Coles

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Laveranues Coles took some parting shots at the New York Jets when he left for Washington. Two years later,



Coles is back in the good graces of his old team. Coles passed a physical with

the Jets on Wednesday, making his trade from the Redskins complete after nearly two weeks of on-again, off-again talks. In return, the Redskins get former first-round pick Santana Moss, who has yet to live up to his potential.

For Coles, it was good to be back in New York, where he started his career and developed a strong relationship with coach Herman Edwards and quarterback Chad Pennington.

"The guys here are all excited being here and that's what's im-portant," Coles said on a confer-ence call. "When I was here I really enjoyed myself. This is where I started and I had a great relation-ship with everyone here, so it was very good for me to come back.

His relationship with Edwards appeared to turn sour when Coles left the Jets in 2003, after the team failed to match a lucrative offer from the Redskins. Coles criticized Edwards because he was given multiple assurances the team would keep him.

"Well, back then I was very immature about the business side of it and now I understand it," Coles said. "But I think my emotions got involved and I said some things I shouldn't have said

Coles might not be the only other player on the move. Two-time NFL rushing champion Edgerrin James could wind up on

Sports

briefs

LENZERHEIDE, Switzerland - Michael

final race, while American Bode Miller stretched his

lead for the overall title with

extend his lead over Austri-

Miller gained 80 points to

a second-place showing.

Walchhofer won the World Cup downhill title

Thursday after finishing fourth in the season's

an Benjamin Raich to 128 points in the overall

standings. Miller and Raich will compete in

the remaining three races: super giant slalom,

giant slalom and slalom. Miller will clinch the

title in Friday's super-G if he wins the race

Norway's Lasse Kius won Thursday's race

in 1 minute, 24.09 seconds for his first World

Cup downhill victory in over a year. Miller,

who needed to win to have any chance to take

the downhill season title, was 0.14 behind and

and Raich finishes out of the top 15.

Strobl of Austria was third in 1:24.27



Wide receiver Laveranues Coles passed his physical on Wednesday, making his trade from the Washington Redskins back to the New York Jets complete.

the trading block.

James could be a big bargain for someone. Agent Drew Rosen-haus says the Indianapolis Colts aren't demanding a first-round pick for the running back.

James, the Colts' career rush ing leader, was designated the team's franchise player last month. Now Rosenhaus, who said he spoke with Colts president Bill Polian on Wednesday, is looking

"The bottom line is that I talked to the Colts today, and he doesn't think he can get a long-term deal done," Rosenhaus said.

If another team signed James and the Colts did not match the offer within seven days, Indianap olis would get two first-round draft picks.

In developments on Thursday: ■ The New York Giants said they were no longer interested in signing free-agent wide receiver Plaxico Burress. The former Pitts burgh Steeler met with the Giants on Wednesday and Thursday before leaving to visit the Minnesota Vikings. The Giants also signed 11-year veteran Jim Miller as a

backup to Eli Manning. ■ Atlanta signed linebacker and Pro Bowl special teams play-er Ike Reese. The 6-foot-2, 222-pound Reese, who spent seven seasons in Philadelphia, is considered one of the best special teams players in the NFL.

Favre will be back with Pack

QB told coach of his decision, which is based on wife's improving health

BY ARNIE STAPLETON

Brett Favre is returning to Green Bay for the 2005 season, Packers coach Mike Sherman told The Associated Press

Sherman said Thursday he had a two-hour conversation with his quarterback on Wednesday night. Favre informed him his wife is doing well in her cancer treatment, so he's planning to play at least one more season, maybe more if he's healthy.

"It came down to his wife and she's doing well in her recovery," Sherman said "She wants him to play. He said he's looking forward to playing - hopefully without any off-the-field situations

and 'enjoying the journey.' "
The three-time MVP said after the Packers' playoff loss to Minnesota in January he wanted to reflect before committing to playing a 15th NFL season following a year of personal tumult.

His wife, Deanna, was diagnosed with breast cancer in October, a week after the death of her 24-year-old brother in an ATV accident on the quarterback's property in Mississippi.

And Favre was still dealing with the stunning news of Reggie White's death on the day after Christmas which came about a year after the death of Favre's father, Irv, from a heart attack.

"After the season, he just needed to think about some things," Sherman said. "Any man would have to contemplate his future when his wife is fighting cancer. It's not like he had to work to make money. He didn't want to he a nart-time husband and a part-time football player. It came down to his wife. If she's not healthy, it's obviously a different ballgame. But now she's doing good. She wants him to play."

It never was a question of diminished ability because even at 35, Favre is still near the top of He topped 4,000 yards passing set season and recorded his

eighth 30-touchdown season, twice as many as any other NFL quarterback, and the Packers set franchise records for total offense and net passing yards in 2004.

"He's always been excited about playing football," Sherman said. "He's never lost his enthusi-

asm for the game.' Next season won't necessarily be Favre's farewell, either.

"As long as he can play at a Brett Favre-level, he will," Sherman said, "unless some situation off the field, outside of football, affects him or his family."

Deanna Favre has completed chemotherapy and is undergoing radiation treatment.

In other team news, the Pack-ers released two-time Pro Bowl safety Darren Sharper on Thurs day to trim \$3.4 million off their

salary cap.

The Packers tried to get Sharper, a starter the past six seasons, to restructure his deal, but he refused to take a pay cut.

Davis: Standout also famous for modesty

DAVIS. FROM BACK PAGE

'I wasn't the kind of guy who liked to pick the newspaper up to find out how I was doing. I just did my thing the best I could," Davis told the AP in 1995. "We played offense and defense and it wasn't an individual accomplishment. We all won or lost togeth-er," he said in 1999.

Davis, who also lettered in base ball, track and basketball, visited West Point for the final time in October to be inducted into Army's Sports Hall of Fame.

Born in Claremont, Davis at-

tended college with his late twin brother, Ralph, and later worked as a special events director for the Los Angeles Times for nearly 30 years after leaving football. Several years ago, he donated

his Heisman to his high school. Besides his son, Davis is sur-vived by his third wife, Yvonne Ameche Davis, and a stepson, John S. Slack III from his second marriage. Davis' first marriage to Oscar-nominated actress Moore ended in divorce after 14

Davis, who also briefly dated Elizabeth Taylor, met Yvonne at the 1996 Heisman dinner. She was previously married to 1954 Heisman winner Alan Ameche of Wisconsin.

Associated Press writers Beth Harris and John Nadel contributed to this

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Miller widens overall lead in World Cup Goetschl entered the race with a 32-point lead over Germany's Hilde Gerg, who fin-ished third in Thursday's race and 72 points

> chance to win the downhill title but crashed Thursday.

> American Julia Mancuso, a double bronze medalist in the world championships, tied for fourth with Janica Kostelic of Croatia

Ania Paerson's 63-point lead over Kostelic in the overall standings was cut to 45 with three races remaining - a super giant slalom, giant slalom and slalom.

Els trails by seven in Qatar

DOHA, Qatar - Pierre Fulke of Sweden shot 6-under 66 Thursday to take a one-stroke lead after the first round of the Qatar Masters, while Ernie Els, the only player ranked in the top 50 in the field, struggled to a 73.

Carruth's lawyers appeal to overturn conviction, sentence

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Former Carolina Panthers wide receiver Rae Carruth returned to court Thursday in his latest attempt to overturn a 2001 conviction in the slaving of his pregnant girlfriend.

The appeal in Mecklenburg Superior Court challenges the admission of key prosecution ev-

behind Goetschl American Lindsey Kildow had a remote

told a police officer at the scene and hospital. The defense claims Adams' statements are hearsay and their introduction into evidence during the murder trial violated Carruth's constitutional right to confront his accuser

Carruth, a first-round draft pick of the Panthers out of Colorado, is serving a sentence of at least 18 years and 11 months.

idence during Carruth's trial in late 2000: a 911

call from girlfriend Cherica Adams following

the shooting and what the 24-year-old victim

Adams was eight months pregnant with Carruth's baby when she was gunned down in a drive-by shooting on Nov. 16, 1999, in south Charlotte. Doctors saved her son, Chancellor, in an emergency Caesarean. But Adams, shot four times, died a month later. Born prema-turely, Chancellor has cerebral palsy.

R.I. legislators take up pricey autographs

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - After the Boston Red Sox won their first World Series since 1918, some fans were willing to pay hundreds

of dollars for memorabilia from the team Like other pro athletes before them, Red Sox players cashed in on their triumph by apnearing at large-scale autograph signing events to meet fans and sell their signatures for upward of \$100.

A Senate committee on Thursday takes up

legislation that would likely put a stop to such events in Rhode Island.

finished 63 points behind Walchhofer. Fritz Goetschl wins women's downhill title LENZERHEIDE, Switzerland - Renate Go-

etschl of Austria won the final race of the season to clinch the women's World Cup downhill title Thursday, capturing the trophy for the fourth time in her career

<u>RACING STRIPES</u>

A WEEKLY LOOK AT MOTORSPORTS NEXTEL CUP

Race 2: **UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400** Las Vegas Speedway 4 a.m. Monday, AFN-Pacific/Korea.

Last race: Greg Biffle took the lead on lap 228 and held off a hard-charging Jimmie Johnson to win the Auto Club 500 at Fontana, Calif. on Feb. 27. Biffle twice came back from as far as 30th place.

Last year: Matt Kenseth won his second straight race by taking the UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400.

Driver to watch: Matt Kenseth





After 2 of 36 races 2. Jimmie John .335 4. Carl Edwards 287 5. Greg Biffle 6. Elliott Sadler . 272 7. Tony Stewart 268 10 leff Cordon 258 11. Dale Jarrett248 240 .239 14. Dale Earnhardt Jr. 237 15. Mike Bliss..... .236 16. Kyle Petty 221 17. Jamie McMurray227

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Tape-delayed, 5 p.m. Sunday, AFN-Sports).

Last race: Defending champion Martir
ruex Jr. held on after an early pit stop to
vin the Telcel-Motorola 200 in Mexico City
he circuit's first race outside the U.S.

Next race: Next race: Aaron's 312, March 19, Hamp

18. Scott Riggs

19. Kevin Lepage ... 20. Brian Vickers ...

FORMULA ONE

Last race: Italian Giancarlo Fisichella wor be season-opening Australian Grand Prix in a weekend highlighted by rule changes and a sudden downpour in qualifying that ended Michael Schumacher's hopes of defending the title. Schumacher crashed out with 15 laps remaining after starting on the back row of the grid because of an engine

nange. **Next race:** Malaysian Grand Prix, March INDY RACING

Last race: Dan Wheldon led 158 of 200 laps n route to a dominant win in the sea-on-opening Toyota Indy 300 at Homestead.

ext race: XM Satellite Radio Indy 200,

CRAFTSMAN TRUCKS

Last race: Steve Park earned his first truck series win by taking the American Racing Parks previous victory, came in the Nextel Parks previous victory, came in the Nextel Cup series in February 2001, seven months before he suffered a serious head injury. Next race: World Financial Group 200, March 18, Hampton, Ga.

Rusty Wallace, right, who plans to retire from full-time competition after this season, is tired of the week-to-week grind of the 10-month Nextel Cup season. Wallace plans to focus on his family as well as his Busch Series team and car dealership when he's done racing full-time.

'Rusty's Last Call'

Wallace chasing Cup one more time before semi-retirement

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS The Associated Press

usty Wallace never said he wouldn't race again. He even wonders at times if he's making the right decision to retire from full-time NASCAR competition after the 2005 season.

When he can't sleep, Wallace stares at the ceiling in the middle of the night thinking about things he did in the past, or what he'll do when he's not racing 10 months a year

"I'm all over." he said of his thoughts. "Honestly, I'm not content at all."

But the 48-year-old Wallace is sure about one thing: He's tired of the week-to-week grind.

"I'm retiring because I'm just burnt out in the schedule," he "If I get through the end of 2005, and I feel like, 'Man, I'm running 3,000 mph and now they tell me I've got to stop,' I'm probably going to say let's run about 10 [races the next year]. But for sure, my days of running the full schedule are over.'

After one more championship chase, that is,

Wallace began this season with



a 14th-place finish in the Budweiser Shootout, His 22nd Nextel Cup season, which has been dubbed "Rusty's Last Call," officially got under way with a 10th-place finish in the Daytona 500, the race he can't claim among his 55 wins and the one he wanted the most.

"I wanted to win this race, but that's OK," said Wallace, who started 36th and advanced all the way to fifth before dropping back. "It really isn't OK, but I told everybody if I didn't win, it wouldn't be the end of the world. ... I'm done with it. I've had a lot of fun, and I enjoy it."

Wallace, who wrecked during Daytona qualifying and had to switch to his backup car, finished

in the top 10 nine times in 23 Daytona 500s

His best finish in NASCAR's ost prestigious race was third in 2001 He led another time with 10 laps to go, and in 1993 was third with me, Dale Jarrett and (Dale) Earnhardt going for the win' when he was hit by another car and barrel-rolled down the backstretch.

"I haven't won the Daytona 500 and I doubt there's too many people out there who are not aware of that fact," said Wallace, the 1989 series champion and fourth on the career earnings list with nearly \$44 million. "I got close many, many times.

Still, his farewell season is about more than that elusive Daytona win. And forget nostalgia. Wallace wants to approach 2005 like any other year.

"I'm real intent to try to win more races," he said. "I want to go out on top. I don't want to go out fading. ... I'm going to be rockin' and rollin' and go wide open all year

Wallace has finished top 10 in season points 16 times. He ended a 105-race winless streak last year but was still 16th, two spots lower than in 2003 when a streak of 10 straight top-10 seasons

"You always hear about the im portance of making first impres-sions," he said, "But for us, we're determined to leave some great last impressions." Once full-time driving is done,

Wallace won't be bored. He hopes the Busch Series team he owns, running its first

full schedule this year, will be a championship contender by 2006. He also will spend more time on his car dealership business and with 17-year-old son Stephen, an aspiring NASCAR driver who will race in the Hooters Pro Cup

Series this year. Not to mention more time with his wife, Patti, playing golf and his duties as part-owner of the Penske team

"What I'm going to have to do is just get in and go, and figure it out as I go," Wallace said. "We'll adjust as the year goes on. I've never gone one year in my life where I've been able to plan two years ahead. For me, to plan two weeks ahead is pretty tough for

"There will be a lot of excitement. Sometimes there will be tears in your beer."

Standings for other series on Dage 33

Class A soccer capsules

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Camp Hialeah, South Korea

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Reilly, Jr., sweeper; Evan Freeman, Jr., defense.

Status: Hopeful contender. One year older one year wiser, the Cobras will take their lumps along with Perry in the Japan Socce League, which should toughen them for Class A competition.

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a**tus:** Rebuilding. The Samurai's only i scorer last season, Serena Seitz, is

gone, and another new coach of retooling a youthful squad

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Stars and Stripes

TOKYO - Swimmers from base youth teams around the Pacific will pit their skills against Japanese clubs in the American Swim Council in Japan's annual winter Junior

Olympic meet Saturday and Local Sunday at the briefs St. Marv's International

25-meter nool

For the first time in four years eet will include Seoul American High School, which competes in the Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Council's spring season.
Organizer David Moodie also

counts among the entrants youth services swim teams from Yokota and Misawa Air Base, Yokosuka Naval Base, Atsugi Naval Air Facility and Camp Zama in Japan and the Okinawa Dolphins Swim sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services.

They'll go up against the meet's host and defending champion International Buccaneers, plus around Tokyo and neighboring Kanagawa Prefecture.

The meet is to offer an array of individual and team relay events over two days, starting at 8 a.m

for more information. Basketball camp plans

first Pacific run

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa Perseverance Camp, a youth basketball summer program founded five years ago at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., is planning its first Pacific venture in August at Kadena, said camp and youth sports officials at the air base.

The camp is open to youth play ers age 7 to 16; cost is \$10 for an administrative fee. It is scheduled tentatively for Aug. 22-26 at Kadena's O'Connor, Falcon and Risner Fitness and Sports Centers, said Kadena youth sports director Daniel Aflleje. There's a chance the camp will be moved to July, he said.

Dietrick Glover, an Air Force tech sergeant assigned to Kadena's 18th Security Forces and a Perseverance Camp staff member, says the camp's founder, Master Sgt. Ronald Rucker, hopes the Kadena trip will help open doors to holding the camp at other Pacific bases

For more information, phone Aflleje at 634-2789 or e-mail him at daniel.aflleje@kadena.af.mil; or phone Glover at 634-7135 or him at dietrick.glover@kadena.af.mil.

DODDS boys trying to supplant international schools at the top

Stars and Stripes

For the past two years, Depart-ment of Defense Dependents Schools-Pacific boys small schools soccer teams have found the Far East Class A Tournament a chase to see who finishes be

hind winner Taejon Christian International School of Korea. TCIS opened this season by routing Taegu American 10-0, but the Drag-

Class A

ons had their comeuppance last weekend. losing 1-0 to Seoul International.

Thus, DODDS-Pacific teams in the Class A tournament in May at Taegu, the questions are: Can TCIS or Seoul be stopped? If so,

'Any team can be stopped said coach Mark Lange of Japan's Matthew C. Perry Samurai, one of five DODDS-Pacific teams vying to knock the Dragons off their pedestal and keep the Ti gers from claiming it. Lange's statement might seem

bold, given that last year TCIS torched foes for 80 goals in 19 matches, a 4.4 goals-per-game average. The Dragons have averaged 5.5 goals in two matches; the Tigers 6.5. The strategy, Lange said: "You

play conservatively, you play solid defense, you match up individually with their (star) players. If you try to run and gun with those guys, no way."

TCIS is expected to try for a

Class A three-peat May 18-20 at Taegu and battle a predominant ly DODDS-Pacific field with five teams that each finished below .500 a season ago, along with Seoul International.

The Girls Class A tournament. the same dates at Camp Hialeah in Pusan, is a different story. Faith Academy of the Philip-pines, which won a year ago, cannot return because the tournament coincides with the school's finals review week. That opens the door for DODDS-Pacific teams seeking a title that's eluded them for two years.

For players such as seniors Mina Davis and Sharon Kroening of Osan, and Pusan American star senior striker Brieanna Carroll, it's now or never, "When I was a freshman and those teams beat up on us," Carroll said, "I just remember telling myself that



Saturday, March 12, 2005

Osan American defenseman Kevin Carver, left, boots the ball away from Andrew Wiese of Taejon Christian International with a slide tackle during the 2003 Class A championship at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japan. TCIS won 6-1. Carver, a senior, returns for the Cougars in the 2005 season, in which Osan and four other DODDS-Pacific teams hope to derail the two-time Class A title run by TCIS

the beating. ... It's my time. But Carroll, who's won individual awards in three sports but never a Far East tournament team title, is putting no added pressure on herself. "Some people are champions. Some people are not," she said, "Somebody has to lose and if it has to be us, then that's OK with me. As long as I'm

healthy and get to play the sport I

love and have waited all year for,

I'm good. I'll have fun."

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Faith's absence will create a more open tournament and perhaps a rematch of the 2003 final she said, adding that a deep field of teams is nice "but then it might come down to Osan and us Osan might not be in the same

class as the back-to-back title

teams earlier in the decade "but we will be competitive and one of those teams that will be a contender," coach Sung Plourde said

While a DODDS-Pacific team might reclaim the Girls Class A crown, overcoming the Dragons or Tigers may be too tall an order, Lange suggested. "We don't have the advantage of building a program" as does TCIS or teams in the States, he said. "We have what we have. One day, I could show up and 12 goalkeepers might be out there.

But, Davis said, the two teams can be beaten if all the other teams work hard at practice, basically believe in themselves. And they can't be intimidated. That plays a huge factor.

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High school scoreboard

Korea boys soccer

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ials-Seoul Int'l, John Hwang 3 (3), Andi 3 (3), Alex Rhie 2 (2), Tetsuya Kobayas Kim 3 (3), Alex Rhie 2 (2), Tetsuya Kobayashi ; (2), Eugene Koo 1 (2), Daniel Lee 1 (1); ICS-Pyk Casev Peterson 2 (2), Ronnie Piersont 1 (1). Korea girls soccer

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Suns avoid sweep by depleted Spurs

PHOENIX — Despite getting a coveted win that kept the San Antonio Spurs from sweeping them this season, the Phoenix Suns aren't likely to get overconfident if the teams meet in the playoffs Amare Stoudemire scored 44



points to lead the Suns to a 107-101 victory against the Spurs, who were playing without

jured All-Stars Tim Duncan (ankle) and Manu Ginobili (groin).

"I wanted them to play at full strength, to be honest with you," Stoudemire said.

However, it was still satisfying to the Suns, who snapped their longest current losing streak to one team.

Since beating Phoenix in a playoff game on April 27, 2003, the Spurs had won six consecutive regular-season games and two playoff contest against the Suns.

"It takes a little momentum out of you when they are not play-ing," Phoenix's Shawn Marion said. "But at the same time we went out and got the win, and that's all that matters.

Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said not to read too much into the ragged, tight game.

They are an NBA team, and it is hard to play those teams," he said. "They played a small lineup the whole time, and they had nothing to lose."

The coveted victory wasn't locked up until Stoudemire, who had 13 points in the fourth quar-ter, dunked for a 105-98 lead with 1:19 to go on a play that began with Steve Nash missing a short iumner.

Marion deflected the rebound to Joe Johnson, who shoveled it to Stoudemire underneath

Just before that play, Tony Massenberg and Tony Parker missed layups that would have lifted the Spurs within three points

"We definitely ran out of gas in the fourth quarter," said Parker, who had a season-high 30 points despite going scoreless in fourth. "It just got harder and harder to make stops and get rebounds.

Celtics 95, Hawks 91: Antoine Walker stole the ball from Al Harrington with 35 seconds left and fed Ricky Davis for the clinching basket as host Boston withstood unusually feisty Atlanta.

The Hawks, who have the worst record in the NBA and just two road wins in 32 tries, led for the first 42 minutes and didn't trail until Paul Pierce hit a fallaway jumper with 3:53 left

Pierce finished with 27 points and 10 rebounds, making 10 of 12 free throws in the fourth quarter to ice the game.

Walker had 15 points and nine rebounds for the Celtics, who are 5-1 since getting him from Atlanta at the trading deadline.

Raptors 106, Magic 96: At Toronto, Chris Bosh had 15 points and 15 rebounds, and six other Toronto players reached double figures in scoring.

Orlando rookie Howard had 17 points and tied a season-high with 20 rebounds for the Magic, who have lost two straight following a three-game wining streak.

Morris Peterson and Rafer Alston each had a team-high 16 points for the Raptors, who are fighting to stay in the playoff race

Pistons 92. Warriors 88: Tavshaun Prince and Antonio McDyess scored 20 points each as host Detroit snapped a three-game losing streak.

The Pistons lost the final three games of a six-game West Coast trip, but were able to beat Golden State to extend their season-best

Boston Celtics' Antoine Walker slaps the ball away from Atlanta Hawks' Al Harrington during the fourth quarter of Boston's 95-91 win.

home win streak to eight

Baron Davis tied the game at 88 with a three-pointer with 1:48 to go, but after both teams missed on their next possessions, Rasheed Wallace's jumper put Detroit up two with 44.2 seconds left. Former Michigan State star Jason Richardson was fouled 6 seconds later, but missed both free throws, and Prince put the game away with a driving layup at the other end.

Nets 86, Hornets 85 (OT): At New Orleans, Jason Kidd's re-bound of a blocked shot and driving layup as he was fouled with 2.5 seconds left in overtime lifted the Nets

The Hornets had a chance to win when rookie J.R. Smith, who had been the Hornets best player of the night, was fouled on a three-point attempt with 1.5 sec-

onds to go. But Smith missed the first two foul shots, then tried to miss the third but ended up put-ting it in off the backboard, allowing New Jersey to mobile ball and run out the clock. New Jersey to inbound the

Vince Carter led the Nets with 24 points and 10 rebounds, while Kidd finished with 15 points and nine assists in rescuing the Nets from what nearly was their fourth straight loss.

Bulls 97. Trail Blazers 84: Eddy Curry had 25 points, Kirk Hinrich added 22 and the visiting Bulls reached their highest win total in seven years. Chicago (31-27) surpassed the

30-win mark for the first time since their last championship sea son of 1997-98. Chicago, which last won in Portland on Jan. 29. 1998, has suffered through six consecutive losing seasons, but appear to be on the way to the

Lawyer must testify about brawl client

PONTIAC, Mich. - A lawyer for the man charged with throwing a chair during the Nov. 19 brawl at the game between the Indiana Pacers and Detroit Pistons must testify for the prosecution, a judge has ruled.

Kenneth Karasick had sought a



court order to keep prosecu-tors from calling him to testify against his client, Bryant Jackson.

Charges were filed against five Pacers players and seven Pistons fans, including the 35-year-old Jackson.

Prosecutors say that when Karasick met with Auburn Hills police to review a videotane of the fight, he told a detective, "That's our boy," when the chair thrower

appeared on the screen. On Wednesday, attorneys for Karasick argued that forcing him to testify would violate attor-ney-client privilege. Oakland County assistant prosecutor Paul Walton said that the privilege applied only to conversations Karasick had with Jackson, not those with the Auburn Hills detective.

Circuit Judge Rae Lee Chabot agreed with prosecutors but said they would have to limit their questioning of Karasick to what he said to police about the video according to the Detroit Free Press and The Daily Oakland Press.

Mays' Nelson to miss 3 games

DALLAS - Dallas Mavericks coach Don Nelson is once again turning the team over to assistant coach Avery Johnson, this time to be with his wife while she recovers from surgery.

Nelson, the second-winningest coach in NBA history, will miss Thursday night's game at home against the Los Angeles Lakers then a road trip to Milwaukee and Minnesota.

NBA scoreboard

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Wednesday Celtics 95, Hawks 91

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Pistons 92, Warriors 88

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Nets 86, Hornets 85 (OT)

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Eagles ousted

W. Virginia improves NCAA hopes. defeats ACC-bound Boston College

NEW YORK — West Virginia made sure Boston College's last appearance in the Big East tour-

nament was brief. Mike Gansey scored 21 points and West Virginia hung on to upset No. 7 Bos-



ton College 78-72 in the quarterfinals Thursday

ruining the Ea-gles' bid for a final conference championship. "It's a great feeling to come in

here, play against a good team and prove that we're a good team," Mountaineers center Kevin Pittsnogle said. "We're having a lot of fun." Pittsnogle added 17 points for

the Mountaineers (20-9), who likely wrapped up an NCAA tournament at-large bid.

"That committee is so thorough with this thing and they will choose the right teams," West Virginia coach John Beilein said "Obviously, I'm biased, but they will choose the right teams and there's no doubt in our minds that we're one of the right teams."

West Virginia, the No. 8 seed, improved to 3-8 in the tournament and advanced to its first semifinal — against Villanova — Friday at Madison Square Gar-Making the victory even more impressive was the fact that the Mountaineers did it without ton scorer Tyrone Sally, who was out with a stomach ailment.

Craig Smith scored 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds for Boston College (24-4), the tournament's top seed. The Eagles are leaving the Big East for the Atlantic Coast Conference after this sea-

"They came out and were ag-gressive," Smith said. "When you're top dog, people are going to come for you. You know, this is a wakeup call for us. We still have a chance to do something special.'

The Eagles, who shared the regular-season title with Connecti cut, are 4-4 after going 20-0, possi-

bly hurting their chances to earn a ton-3 seed.

"Guys have to take a little pride in themselves and with their and go out and work harder " Roston College coach Al Skinner said. "It's just that simple. Our preparation, our focus has got to be there. Right now, it's lacking."

West Virginia looked as though it would win easily before the Eagles stormed back.

biggest lead — 25 points — just 19 seconds into the second half on Gansey's three-point play that made it 47-22

We didn't come out and play the way we're capable of play-ing," Boston College's Jared Dudley said. "West Virginia came out. ere more aggressive and execu ed their offense. We didn't defend them at all."

Trailing 50-26, Boston College went on a 10-0 run, capped by con secutive dunks by Sean Marshall to get the Eagles within 14 with 13:16 left

The Eagles continued to whit-tle away at the lead, but the 6-foot-11 Pittsnogle hit three-pointer with 8:16 left to make it 58-44.

Boston College responded with an 11-5 run, capped by Marshall's three-pointer, to make it 62-58

with 4:41 left. West Virginia scored the next three baskets — including the third of Pittsnogle's three-point-

ers - to push the lead back to 11. In another quarterfinal game on Thursday:

No. 19 Villanova 67, No. 22 Pittsburgh 58: Randy Foye scored 23 points and Villanova (22-6) won its eighth straight game and advanced to the semifinals for the second straight year.

The loss ended Pittsburgh's four-year run of championship-game appearances. The Panthers' only title in that span came in 2003.

Pittsburgh (20-8) entered the game as the second-best shooting team in the conference at 47.8 percent. The Panthers shot a season-worst 35 percent (20-for-57)

West Virginia's Frank Young, right, reacts in front of Boston College's Sean Marshall on Thursday after making a three-pointer during the first half that helped give the Mountaineers a 44-22 halftime lead over the top-seeded Eagles. West Virginia, the eighth seed, won 78-72.

against Villanova, going 5-for-25 in the first half.

The 58 points were the second-lowest total of the season for the Panthers. Pittsburgh didn't make a field goal during the final 8½ minutes of the first half, going 0-for-9 and committing four turnovers. The Wildcats closed the half with a 14-5 run to take a 31-19 lead

Villanova got the lead to 17 points twice, the last time at 42-25 on two free throws by Foye with 13:15 left.

Wednesday's first-round

Rutgers 72, Notre Dame 65: Ricky Shields scored 21 points, in-cluding the first four in a

game-closing 8-0 run by Rutgers The loss may have ended the NCAA tournament at-large hopes

for Notre Dame (17-11), which has lost four of five. Shields scored on a drive with 1:15 left to give the Scarlet Knights the lead for good at 66-65. He then stole the ball from Colin Falls and went the length of the court for a layup with 57 seconds left

Georgetown 56, Seton Hall 51: Darrel Owens was perfect on four three-point attempts and scored all 14 of his points over the final eight minutes as George town (17-11) snapped a five-game

losing streak. The seventh-seeded Hoyas had to win to have any chance at an at-large berth in the NCAA tour-nament. Their next opponent is second-seeded and 12th-ranked Connecticut (21-6)

West Virginia 82, Providence 59: Kevin Pittsnogle matched his career high with five three-nointand finished with 24 points for the Mountaineers

Ryan Gomes had 20 points in final game for Providence

Louisville routs TCU. rolls into semifinals

The Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Larry O'Bannon scored 18 points to lead five Louisville players in double figures, and the sixth-ranked Cardinals beat TCU 85-61 Thursday in the quarterfi-nals of the Conference TISA

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tournament. The top-seeded Cardinals (27-4) never trailed in winning their seventh straight game and 16th in their past 17. The regu-lar-season champion will play

UAB in the semifinals on Friday. TCU (19-13) hasn't advanced past the quarterfinals of any tournament since reaching the semifinals of the Western Athletic Con-ference tournament in 2000. The Horned Frogs stayed close for the

first 11 minutes, then Louisville blew them out like it has in four of the previous five meetings. The Cardinals were at full strength after tests found Taquan Dean is clear of the mononucleo-sis that had limited his playing time. Dean started his first game

since Feb. 12 and had 12 points. Francisco Garcia had 15 for Lousville, Otis George added 11 and Ellis Myles 10 with 10 rebounds. Louisville which led 36,19 at halftime, outrebounded TCU 41-28

Aaron Curtis had 14 points for

Also on Thursday:

UAB 59, DePaul 56: Demario Eddins hit a three-pointer from the left corner with .8 seconds left to lift the Blazers into the semis. Eddins gave UAB (21-9) a 56-55 lead with a three-pointer from the top of the key with 1:28 remaining.

He finished with 11 points, as did Donell Taylor. Marvett Mc-Donald and Marques Lewis had 10 each for fourth-seeded UAB. Quemont Greer led No. 5 seed DePaul (19-10) with 17 points and nine rebounds. Sammy Mejia fin ished with 15 points on 5-of-13 shooting. Drake Diener scored 14. In first-round games Wednes-

DePaul 81, Tulane 71: Sammy Mejia and Quemont Greer each scored 18 points as DePaul snapped a two-game losing streak.

Drake Diener added 14 points for DePaul and Draelon Burns had 10 points Tulane (10-18) had snapped a

five-game winning skid by beat-ing East Carolina last weekend to earn the No. 12 seed

Memphis 79, Saint Louis 59: Rodney Carney ended his 1-for-19 shooting slump with 23 points and Jeremy Hunt added 22 for Memphis (17-14), which ended a four-game losing streak. Luke Meyer had 12 points to lead Saint Louis (9-21).

South Florida 69, Houston 64: Terrence Leather, who finished with 25 points and 14 rebounds. hit a basket to snap a 64-64 tie with 26 seconds left and the Bulls (13-15) ended the NCAA hopes of Houston (18-13) and first-year coach Tom Penders

Arizona romps in Pac-10 opener Arizona (26-5) advanced to Fricats improved to 14-3 in the tour-BY BETH HARRIS



Channing Frye had a game-high 22 points Thursday to lead Arizona to an 88-63 victory over Cal.

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Channing Frye scored 22 points on 10-for-11 shooting and No. 8 Arizona routed California 88-63 Thursday in the opening game of the Pac-10 tournament. Frye was perfect until missing

a 15-footer with 13:05 remaining. He sat down for good moments later, only because the Wildcats led by 28.

wasn't keeping track," Frye said. "I felt in a groove. I was hit-ting open shots. It's not like anyone was contesting them."

Arizona led 42-23 at halftime and coach Lute Olson gave his starters a lengthy rest in the second half as the lead grew to 30.

day's semifinals against either UCLA or Oregon State. The Wildcats have won 14 of their past 16.

The eighth-seeded Golden Bears (13-16) ended the season with seven losses in eight games. Cal has lost in the tournament's first round five times

"I was happy with the way we came out," said Olson, who earned his 306th Pac-10 career victory. "We made it difficult for Cal to score. We did a good job of getting good looks and knocking shots down

Arizona, the regular-season Pac-10 champion, is seeded No. 1 in the tournament for the second time in three seasons. The Wildnament, which they've won a conference-best four times. This is the eighth Pac-10 tournament.

Jawann McClellan added 14 points for the Wildcats. Mustafa Shakur and Hassan Adams had 10 points each. Salim Stoudamire, who joined Frye on the All-Pac-10 team, was held to

seven points Dominic McGuire led the Bears with 13 points and Richard Midgley added 10.

Arizona controlled the boards, 39-27, and shot 58 percent from the field.

The Wildcats dominated the first half, opening the game with a 10-0 run in which all five starters scored. They shot 57 percent in the half

Bogut challenged, but sparks Utah to victory

DENVER - Andrew Bogut scored 11 of his 21 points over the first 41/2 minutes and No. 15 Utah's guards took over from there in a 62-49 victory over Colorado State in the opening round of the Mountain West Conference tournament on Thursday.

Bogut, regarded as perhaps the best player in the country, also grabbed 17 re-bounds, but was held in check for long

With the conference's freshman of the vear, 7-footer Jason Smith, shutting down the hig Australian - even rejecting his shot three times — it was Marc Jackson and Bryant Markson who helped top-seeded Utah (26-4) pull away.

Jackson (14 points, five assists) made two free throws, a three-pointer and converted a three-point play during a 19-4 run in the second half that turned a one-point halftime deficit into a 55-39 lead.

Markson (12 points) also scored four points and helped Utah with a three-quarter-court trap that the Rams had trouble handling in the second half.

Clemson 84, Maryland 72: In Washing ton, D.C., Shawan Robinson made six three-pointers and scored 24 points to lead Clemson past defending champion Maryland in the opening round of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

It marked the first time in school history that Clemson (16-14) beat Maryland (16-12) three times in a season.

The loss was a serious blow to Marvland's bid to reach the NCAA tournament for the 12th straight season. The Terps have lost four straight and five of six, the lone victory a double-overtime escape against last-place Virginia.

Clemson led 55-50 before reserve Olu Babalola made a three-point play and a three-pointer to expand the margin to 11, and the Terrapins got no closer than nine points

N.C. State 70, Florida State 54: Ilian Evtimov had five three-pointers in the first half and scored 18 points and Engin Atsur added 17 for the Wolfpack (18-12), who moved on to a rematch with Wake Forest. In the teams' meeting earlier this week, which Wake Forest won on a last-second basket, point guard Chris Paul punched



Iowa State's Damion Staple stretches to corral a loose ball during Thursday's Big 12 tournament game against Baylor in Kansas City, Mo. Iowa State won 77-57.

N.C. State's Julius Hodge in the groin, leading to a one-game suspension for Paul.

Big Ten

Northwestern 58, Michigan 56: At Chicago, Mohamed Hachad scored 17 points, and T.J. Parker keyed a 12-0 second half run and made three free throws in the final 8 seconds to lead Northwestern.

Parker scored eight points during Northwestern's run, which put the Wildcats (15-15) ahead 51-41 with 7:07 to go.

lowa 71, Purdue 52: Gene Keady's 25-yeard coaching career at Purdue ended on a down note as Iowa (20-10) bounded the Boilermakers (7-21) from the Big Ten tournament. Keady finishes with a career record of 550-289 that includes six Big Ten titles and 17 NCAA appearances.

Southeastern

Mississippi 53, South Carolina 52: At Atlanta, Tommie Eddie scored 17 points

and Mississippi held on after officials overturned what would have been a tving three-pointer by the Gamecocks.

Tre Kelley banked in a three-pointer with 1.7 seconds to go, apparently tying the game. But officials reviewed the shot on tape and found that Kelley's toe was on the line when he launched the shot, making it a two-pointer and leaving South Carolina a

Mississippi St. 76, Georgia 65: Shane Power scored 15 points for Mississippi State (22-9), which used a 25-9 second-half run to put away Georgia (8-20). Mississippi State stretched a 41-39 lead to 18 points and coasted into Friday's matchup with

Rig 12

Missouri 70, Nebraska 67: At Kansas City, Mo., Linas Kleiza scored 26 points as Missouri squeaked past Nebraska.

Joe McCray, minutes after breaking the Big 12 freshman record for three-pointers in a season, launched one from behind the arc with three seconds left. But it rattled in and out, giving the Tigers (16-15) their third win over the Huskers (14-14).

lowa St. 77, Baylor 57: Rahshon Clark scored 20 points and Jared Homan added 17 points as Iowa State (18-10) scored the first 17 points of the game on the way to winning for the 10th time in 12 games.

Baylor (9-19), which missed the 2004 Big 12 tournament because of self-im posed sanctions for NCAA violations under former coach Dave Bliss, ended its season

on a 14-game losing streak. The Bears have not won a first-round Big 12 game since a surprising run to the semifinals in

Atlantic 10 Xavier 83, La Salle 70: At Cincinnati, Stanley Burrell and Justin Cage led a balanced attack with 16 points apiece as Xavier (17-11) advanced to a rematch with St. Joseph's in the Atlantic 10 tournament.

Last season, Xavier knocked off unbeat-en and top-ranked St. Joseph's to gain an unlikely berth in the NCAA tournament. The Musketeers may need more than a defeat of St. Joe's to return to the field of 65

Saint Joseph's 63, Richmond 51: Jun-ior Dave Mallon, who averages 3.1 points a game and had never scored in double figures, scored a career-high 17 points and Atlantic 10 co-player of the year Pat Carroll added 16 for the Hawks (18-10), who have the tournament's top seed and have won seven of their last eight games. Andres Sandoval and Jermaine Bucknor

each scored 11 points to lead the Spiders (14-15)

In Wednesday games:

Montana 63. Weber State 61: Kamarr Davis had 19 points as Montana (18-12) earned its first trip to the tournament since 2002 by holding off Weber State (14-16) for the Big Sky title.

Northeast

Fairleigh Dickinson 58, Wagner 52: At Hackensack, N.J., Italy's Andrea Crosariol scored 18 points to lead the Knights (20-8) to their first NCAA berth in seven years.

Big West
UC Irvine 80, Idaho 67: At Anaheim,
Calif., Aaron Fitzgerald made six
three-pointers on the way to scoring 30 points as UC Irvine (16-12) rolled past Idaho (8-22) and into the Big West tournament's second round against Cal State

UC Santa Barbara 55, Long Beach St.

49: Joe See scored 19 points — 14 in the second half — as UC Santa Barbara (11-17) overcame a 12-point second-half deficit to beat Long Beach State (10-20). See, held without a field goal in the first

went 3-for-4 from behind three-point line in the second half.

Conference tournaments

America East

Champions Saturday Northeastern at Vermont

Atlantic Coast

Clemson 84, Maryland 72 North Carolina St. 70, Florida St. 54 Miami vs. Virginia North Carolina vs. Clemson Virginia Tech vs. Georgia Tech Wake Forest vs. N.C. State Duke vs. Miami/Virginia

Semifinals Championship Sunday

Atlantic 10

Richmond 68, Rhode Island 60 La Salle 70, Masachusetts 64, OT Fordham 65, Duquesne 53 Dayton 76, St. Bonaventure 48 Thursday Saint Joseph's 63, Richmond 51 Xavier 83, La Saile 70 Gee. Washington vs. Fordham Temple vs. Dayton Friday

Semifinals

Big East

West Virginia 78, Boston College 72 Villanova 67, Pittsburgh 58 Connecticut vs. Georgetown Syracuse vs. Notre Dame Samifinals

Big Sky

Big Ten

Semifinals

Big 12

Thursday Missouri 70, Nebraska 67 Iowa State 77, Baylor 57 Texas A&M vs. Kansas State Texas vs. Colorado

Oklahoma vs. Missouri Texas Tech vs. Iowa State Kansas vs. Texas A&M/Kansas State Oklahoma State vs. Texas/Colorado Saturday

Championship

Big West

Wednesday
UC Irvine 80, Idaho 67
UC Santa Barbara 55, Long Beach State 49
Thursday
Cal Fullerton vs. UC Santa Barbara
Cal Northridge vs. UC Irvine
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Semifinals

Saturday Chamnionshin

Conference USA

Texas Christian 68, Marquette 57, OT DePaul 81, Tulane 71 Memphis 79, Saint Louis 59 South Florida 68, Houston 64 Thursday Louisville 85, TCU 61 Ala.-Birmingham 59, DePaul 56 Samifinals

Mid-American

Thursday do 72 Samifinals

Mid-Eastern Athletic

Wednesday Delaware State 66, Bethune-Cookman 43 Hampton 81, Florida A&M 72

Championship Saturday

Mountain West

Thursday Utah 62, Colorado St. 49 UNLV vs. Wyoming New Mexico vs. Brigham Young Air Force vs. San Diego St. Friday Utah vs. UNLV/Wyoming New Mexico/BYU s. Air Force/San Diego St. Saturday

Northeast Championship Wednesday Fairleigh Dickinson 58, Wagner 52

Pac-10

Thursday Arizona 88, California 63 UCLA vs. Oregon State Washington vs. Arizona State Stanford vs. Washington Stat Friday

Samifinale

Patriot

Bucknell at Holy C Southeastern

Thursday Mississippi 53, South Carolina 52 Mississippi State 76, Georgia 65

Arkansas vs. Tennessee Vanderbilt vs. Auburn **Friday** Alabama vs. Mississip Alabama vs. Mississippi Florida vs. Mississippi St. Kentucky vs. Arkansas/Te LSU vs. Vanderbilt/Auburn Saturday

Championship

Southland

Sam Houston State at SE Louisiana Sunday

Championship Southwestern Athletic

Thursday Jackson St. 57, Mississippi Valley 55 Southern 69, Grambling 65, OT Alabama St. vs. Prairie View A&M Alabama A&M vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff Friday Semifinals

Chamnionshin

Western Athletic

Thursday Texas-El Paso 80, Hawaii 62 Rice vs. Southern Methodist Fresno State vs. Louisiana Tech Nevada vs. Boise State

Championship

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Army star Davis dead at 80

RB won Heisman in '46, helped Cadets win three national titles

By JEREMIAH MARQUEZ The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Glenn Davis, who won the Heisman Trophy in 1946 and helped lead Army to three national championships, died Wednesday. He was

Davis died of complications from prostate cancer at his home in La Quinta, located about 110 miles east of Los Angeles, said his son, Ralph Davis.

Glenn Davis will be buried at West Point, near his former coach, Col. Earl "Red" Blaik, according to his son.

Davis starred as a halfback for Army when it won national titles in 1944 and 1945. The Cadets and Notre Dame played to a scoreless tie in 1946, and split the national championship.

Davis teamed with fullback Felix "Doc" Blanchard, the 1945 Heisman winner, as one of the most heralded backfields in the history of college football. He was known as "Mr. Outside" to Blanchard's "Mr. Inside."

Davis scored 59 touchdowns and gained 4,129 yards in rushing and receiving in his college ca-

He still holds NCAA records for most yards gained per play in one season, averaging 11.5 yards per carry in 1945; 8.3 career yards per carry; and he and Blanchard share the record for most touchdowns (97) and points (385) soored by teammates in a career.

In 1946, Davis won the Heisman and was voted male athlete of the year by The Associated Press. Davis has the best voting record of any Heisman candidate, finishing second in 1944 and 1945 before winning the award.

"He was one of the best," said former Army guard Joe Steffy, who played with Davis in 1945 and 1946.

"He left an impression. The

first time I met him, I was in awe. What he meant to the military academy and the game of college football needs no explanation."

In 1944, after a famous season-ending win over Navy, Gen. Douglas MacArthur even took time out from his war duties to send this wire: "The greatest of all Army teams ... We have stopped the war to celebrate your magnificent success. Mac-Arthur."

A telephone call to Blanchard's home near San Antonio, Texas, was answered by his granddaughter, who said he had already gone to bed. Blanchard won the Heisman in 1945.

After serving his military obligation, Davis joined the Los Angeles Rams, playing on the team that won the 1951 NFL championship before a knee injury cut his career short in 1952.

Renowned for his lightning speed, Davis was coming off a record-breaking career at Bonita High School in LaVerne, Calif, where he scored an amazing 256 points during his senior year, when he was persuaded to play for Army in 1943.

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The 5-9, 170-pounder became an instant star. Davis scored his first Army touchdown on a 4-yard run in a 27-0 season-opening win over Villanova, threw a touchdown pass in a 42-0 win over Coldown pass in a 42-0 win over Coldown pass in a 42-0 win over Coldown pass in a 42-0 win over Colmubia, and the coldown in a 30-0 winter of the coldown in a 30-7 victory over Yale.

"He was the fastest man in football," Steffy said. "He was a great athlete, believe me."

Davis and Blanchard were national sports heroes, appearing on the cover of Time magazine in November 1945. Despite the accolades, Davis over the years showed a certain modesty about

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Army's Glenn Davis carries the ball in this Nov. 28, 1944 file photo in New York. Davis, who won the Heisman Trophy in 1946 and helped lead Army to a 27-01 record and three national championships from 1944 to 1946, ided Wednesday of complications from prostate cancer at his home in La Quinta, Calif. He was 80.

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